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OF THE

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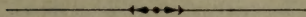
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Town Officers for the Year 1874-75.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

J. WHITE BELCHER, JOHN T. FLOOD, JAMES A. TOWER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JONATHAN WALES,	TERM EXPIRES MARCH 1, 1875.
NATHANIEL HOWARD,	" " " 1876.
MICHAEL A. DONNOVAN,	" " " 1877.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

EPHRAIM MANN,	TERM EXPIRES MARCH 1, 1875.
SIDNEY FRENCH,	" " " 1876.
CHARLES H. HOWARD,	" " " 1877.

Auditors.

FRANK MORTON, FRANK PORTER, EDGAR HOWARD.

Constables.

WILLIAM H. WARREN, JAMES FRIZZELL, EZRA R. PAYNE,
LOUIS GORES, HENRY H. FRANCIS.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL, ADAM F. JONES, BENJAMIN THAYER.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	Chief Engineer.
EDWARD E. LOTHROP,	Clerk.
LEVI WILBUR,	

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MACE GAY.

Keeper of the Lockup.

WILLIAM H. WARREN.

Collector of Taxes.

HORATIO B. ALDEN.

Representative to the General Court.

E. EVERETT HOLBROOK.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Randolph herewith present their Annual Report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1875.

Appropriations by Vote of the Town.

For Schools (including \$500, for Stetson High School),	\$8,500.00
“ Repairs on Highways,	2,500.00
“ New Roads (including land damage),	1,600.00
“ General Town Expenses,	10,000.00
“ Fire Department,	1,800.00
“ Grand Army,	100.00
“ Payment on Town Debt,	5,000.00
“ State Tax,	3,140.00
“ County Tax,	2,855.12
Total,	<u>\$35,495.12</u>

Taxable Valuation, May 1, 1874.

Personal estate,	\$622,690.00
Real estate,	1,420,420.00

Bank stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	\$438,750.00
Corporation stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	130,000.00
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Total valuation,	\$2,611,860.00
Increase over 1873,	\$111,755.00

Rate of taxation, \$14.00 on \$1,000.

Average rate of taxation through the State, \$15.51 on \$1,000.

Number of Polls,	1169
Number of Dwelling-houses,	728
Number of Horses,	295
Number of Cows,	227



Estimated Value of Property owned by the Town, March 1, 1875.

Almshouse property,	\$10,500.00
Town house and land,	18,000.00
Three fire-engine houses and lockup,	4,200.00
Two fire-engines, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	2,125.00
One hearse,	200.00
Ten acres salt marsh,	800.00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000.00
“ “ District No. 3,	1,350.00
“ “ District No. 5,	1,200.00
“ “ District No. 6,	1,650.00
“ “ District No. 8,	6,000.00
Prescott School-house and land,	15,000.00

School-house and land, District No. 10,	\$5,750.00
Eight shares Randolph National Bank,	1,500.00
Stetson School Fund (par value \$10,600), market value,	12,000.00
Total,	<u>\$82,275.00</u>



The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer amounting to	\$26,010.84
On account of Schools (teaching, fuel, and care of rooms),	6,828.10
“ Stetson High School,	500.00
“ Repairs and Incidental Expenses,	846.85
“ Repairs on Highways,	2,128.44
“ Removing Snow,	48.75
“ New Roads, building and widening,	2,271.29
“ New Road from Holbrook to Weymouth,	1,500.00
“ Poor in Almshouse,	1,790.65
“ Poor out of Almshouse,	1,557.83
“ Poor of other Towns,	622.45
“ Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook,	505.87
“ State Paupers,	279.73
“ Funeral Expenses,	198.00
“ State Aid,	3,028.50
“ Fire Department,	1,714.74
“ Abatement on Taxes,	334.57
“ Town Officers,	1,563.58
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	691.49
Total,	<u>\$26,010.84</u>

Expenditures for Schools.

By direction of the School Committee for the financial year ending March 1, 1875 (for items see report of the same),

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,059.50
“ “ for fuel,	391.50
“ “ for care of rooms,	377.10
Appropriation for Stetson High School,	500.00
Miscellaneous expenses,	846.83
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Total,	\$8,174.95
Amount received from the State School Fund,	\$383.26
“ received Coddington Fund,	156.50
“ received appropriations,	8,500.00
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	\$9,039.76
Expenditures less than appropriations and receipts,	\$864.81

Repairs on Highways and Bridges.

JACKSON BELCHER, SURVEYOR, DISTRICTS NO. 1 AND 7.

Paid Jackson Belcher, with horse and cart, 21½ days,	\$91.00
“ Patrick McMahon, with horse and cart, 4¾ days,	19.00
“ Richard Adams, with horse and cart, 5¾ days,	22.50
“ John Wales, with horse and cart, 3¼ days,	13.00

Paid Ephraim Mann, two horses and cart, 2 days,	\$12.00
“ Charles H. Mann, two horses and cart, 2 days,	12.00
“ Ephraim Wales, with horse and cart, 1 day,	4.00
“ Mace Gay, with horse and cart, 1 day,	4.00
“ John Gill & Sons, labor, 26 days,	52.25
“ Patrick McLaughlin, labor, $11\frac{1}{4}$ days,	22.50
“ Thomas Prior & Sons, labor, $13\frac{3}{4}$ days,	25.00
“ James McMahan, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3.00
“ John Desmond, labor, $12\frac{1}{4}$ days,	24.25
“ Simon O'Brien, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3.00
“ Michael Morgan, labor, 2 days,	4.00
“ Mr. Blanchard, labor, 12 days,	24.00
“ Mr. Sullivan, labor, $2\frac{1}{4}$ days,	4.50
“ Thomas Brophy, labor, $15\frac{1}{4}$ days,	22.87
“ Daniel A. Elliot, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3.00
“ Jacob N. Foster, labor, 1 day,	1.75
“ sundry persons, blasting rocks, ploughing, etc.,	21.00
“ Jackson Belcher, for 160 loads gravel,	9.60
“ Ebenezer Alden, for 216 loads gravel,	10.80
“ John Long, for 86 loads gravel,	6.02
“ Isaac Moulton, for 127 loads gravel,	7.62
“ P. McMahan, for 55 loads gravel,	3.30
“ Richard Adams, for 12 loads gravel,	1.20
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	\$427.16

ROYAL T. MANN, SURVEYOR, DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Royal T. Mann, labor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$29.25
“ R. T. & E. M. Mann, with team, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	36.30
“ Mace Gay, with team, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	14.00
“ A. G. Swain, with team, 1 day,	4.00

Paid Ephraim Mann, with team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$8.00
“ Seth Mann, with team, 1 day,	6.00
“ Ellis Tucker, team drawing road-scraper,	6.00
“ Delazon D. Mann, labor, 11 4-5 days,	24.35
“ Jedediah French, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	14.63
“ Lewis Jones, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15.00
“ Noah Chessman, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15.00
“ Prescott E. Wilbur, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	17.00
“ Selwyn Wilbur, labor, 8 days,	16.00
“ Jonathan Hunt, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5.00
“ R. H. Piper, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5.00
“ James Thompson, labor, 1 day,	2.00
“ Edwin A. Tabor, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2.25
“ L. Tabor, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2.25
“ sundry persons, labor,	6.88
“ Ephraim Mann, for 48 loads gravel,	4.80
“ Loring Binney, for 59 loads gravel,	5.90
“ A. S. Niles, for 89 loads gravel,	7.53
“ Edwin A. Tabor, for 47 loads gravel,	3.32
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	\$250.46

JEDEDIAH FRENCH, SURVEYOR, DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid Jedediah French, $9\frac{3}{10}$ days,	\$21.85
“ Mace Gay, labor and team, $6\frac{8}{10}$ days,	27.20
“ A. G. Swain, labor and team, $4\frac{5}{10}$ days,	18.00
“ Noah Chessman, labor, 7 days,	14.00
“ Delazon D. Mann, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	11.00
“ Lewis Jones, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13.00
“ George W. Burrill, labor, $8\frac{4}{5}$ days,	17.60
“ Columbus Holbrook, labor, 5 days,	10.00
“ Samuel Burrill, labor, 6 days,	10.50
“ John Long, for 52 loads gravel,	5.20

Paid Amasa Clark, for 67 loads gravel,	\$6.70
“ Martin L. Eddy, for 47 loads gravel,	4.70
“ Royal S. Holbrook, for 58 loads gravel,	5.80
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	\$165.55

CALEB TUCKER, SURVEYOR, DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Caleb Tucker, labor and team, 21 days,	\$85.00
“ Caleb Tucker, labor on road,	3.00
“ Rufus Jones, labor with team, 9 days,	32.50
“ Rufus Jones, labor, 13 days,	26.00
“ Morris Kiley, labor with team, 2 days,	6.00
“ Morris Kiley, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15.00
“ John S. Abbott, labor with team, 2 days,	8.00
“ John S. Abbott and others, blasting rocks,	50.00
“ Thomas B. Jones, labor with team, 1 day,	3.00
“ Ellis Tucker, drawing scraper, $1\frac{1}{10}$ day,	13.50
“ Adam F. Jones, labor, 7 days,	14.00
“ A. W. Jones, labor, 2 days,	4.00
“ A. H. Tucker, labor, $26\frac{3}{10}$ days,	52.60
“ Lawrence Ormsby, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5.00
“ Owen Neary, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3.00
“ sundry persons, labor and repairing tools,	6.45
“ Joseph Mann, 135 loads gravel,	6.75
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	\$333.80

JOHN LONG, SURVEYOR, DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid John Long, labor and team, 23 days,	\$72.12
“ John Long, labor, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days,	26.25
“ Ephraim Mann, labor with team, $5\frac{2}{5}$ days,	33.60
“ Seth Mann, labor with team, $5\frac{2}{5}$ days,	33.60
“ Josiah Clark, labor with team, 5 days,	30.00
“ Mace Gay, labor with team, $11\frac{1}{4}$ days,	43.15

Paid J. N. Bullock, labor with team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$3.00
“ Terrence Dargan, labor with team, 4 days,	14.00
“ John Desmond, labor, $15\frac{1}{5}$ days,	31.07
“ Michael Morgan, labor, $7\frac{3}{5}$ days,	15.20
“ Owen Sullivan, labor, 2 days,	4.00
“ Patrick Sullivan, labor, $3\frac{4}{5}$ days,	3.80
“ Timothy M. O’Niel, labor, $16\frac{3}{10}$ days,	30.10
“ Patrick Wren, labor, $6\frac{3}{5}$ days,	13.20
“ Patrick Feeney, labor, $15\frac{2}{5}$ days,	27.92
“ William Cole, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5.00
“ John King, labor, $4\frac{4}{5}$ days,	4.80
“ Thomas Duff, labor, $5\frac{3}{5}$ days,	11.20
“ Florence Sullivan, labor, $5\frac{3}{5}$ days,	11.20
“ Patrick Sullivan, labor, $5\frac{3}{5}$ days,	11.20
“ Thomas Harty, labor, $5\frac{3}{5}$ days,	11.20
“ Simon O’Brien, labor, $7\frac{1}{10}$ days,	14.20
“ Harry Roundsville, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	1.50
“ Terrence Dargan, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5.00
“ Dennis Sullivan, labor, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days,	5.50
“ Edmund Burke, labor, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days,	5.50
“ boys, picking stones,	34.40
“ John Desmond, jr., labor, 6 days,	6.00
“ John Gill, labor, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days,	16.50
“ William Cunningham, labor, 5 days,	8.75
“ Frank Smith, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4.25
“ John Cahill, labor, 2 days,	2.75
“ Charles Dolan, labor, 1 day	1.00
“ sundry persons, labor,	4.00
“ John Long, for 272 loads gravel,	23.48
“ Mace Gay, for 103 loads gravel,	7.75

 \$577.19

A. G. SWAIN, SURVEYOR, DISTRICT NO. 10.

Paid A. G. Swain, labor with team, 20½ days,	\$69.65
“ Mace Gay, labor with team, 6 $\frac{7}{10}$ days,	30.20
“ Edwin M. Mann, labor with team, 4½ days,	25.00
“ Josiah Clark, labor with team, 5 days,	30.00
“ Mason Lovering, labor with team, 8¾ days,	35.00
“ Jedediah French, labor, 17¼ days,	36.56
“ Lewis Jones, labor, 13¾ days,	27.50
“ Noah Chessman, labor, 10¾ days,	22.68
“ Thomas Johnson, labor, 4½ days,	9.00
“ Michael Sheridan, labor, 6¼ days,	12.50
“ B. R. Lovering, labor, ½ day,	1.00
“ Leonard Thayer, labor, 4 days,	8.00
“ George Burrill, labor, 7 days,	14.00
“ Austin Roel and others, building wall,	20.25
“ sundry bills,	1.21
“ Charles Belcher, 395 loads gravel,	31.73
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	\$374.28



New Roads and Bridges.

Paid Mace Gay and others, completing road from Mt. Pleasant Square to Allen Street as laid out by Road Commissioners,	\$89.95
“ John Long and others, widening and grad- ing Howard Street,	264.57
“ Caleb Tucker and others, for building War- ren Street in part, as accepted by the Town,	825.89
“ Nathaniel F. Roel and others, for building Warren Street in part, as accepted by the Town,	627.40
“ N. F. Roel and others, labor on bridges,	76.23

Paid Edson M. Roel and others, picking stones,	\$13.50
“ Thomas Moran, land damage, Warren Street,	15.00
“ Caroline Abbott, “ “	25.00
“ Jeremiah Mahoney, “ “	18.00
“ Thomas Stanton, “ “	10.00
“ James Dean, “ “	22.00
“ David Ahearn, “ “	7.50
“ Cornelius Ahearn, “ “	7.00
“ Hannah Buckley, “ “	16.00
“ John Rieustlow, “ “	6.00
“ Michael McAuliffe, “ “	5.00
“ Patrick Welch, “ “	6.00
“ Patrick Donahoe, “ “	8.00
“ Thomas Morris, “ “	11.00
“ Edward McDonald, “ “	5.00
“ David Pope, “ “	12.00
“ Daniel Denahey, “ “	15.00
“ Daniel Kelliher, “ “	4.25
“ Catharine Callahan, “ “	8.00
“ John Kane, “ “	3.50
“ John Dooley, jr., “ “	15.00
“ Margaret Donahoe, “ “	7.50
“ Margaret Bennett, “ “	25.00
“ Hannah Harris, “ “	8.00
“ Seth Mann, 2d, “ “	1.00
“ Peter McConety, “ “	12.00
“ Richard McAuliffe, “ “	16.50
“ Loring Thayer, “ “	8.00
“ Catharine Finerty, “ “	20.00
“ James Denahey, “ “	3.00
“ John Roddan, “ “	8.00
“ Ellen T. Du Bois, “ “	8.00
“ John McLean, “ “	13.00
“ Catharine Sullivan, “ “	5.00

Paid Heirs of John Kennedy, land damage, Warren Street,	\$12.00
“ Bartholomew Kenney, land damage, War- ren Street,	7.50
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	\$2,271.29



New Road from Holbrook to Weymouth.

Paid County of Norfolk in full payment,	\$1,500.00
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Removing Snow.

Paid Jedediah French and others,	\$4.20
“ John Long and others,	4.80
“ Jackson Belcher and others,	10.50
“ Caleb Tucker and others,	4.00
“ R. T. Mann and others,	6.25
“ P. A. Wales, for snow-plow,	18.00
“ P. A. Wales, team drawing snow-plow,	1.00
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	\$48.75



Supplies and Expenses for the Almshouse and Town Farm.

Paid Mace Gay, services as Warden for one year,	\$500.00
“ T. J. Hill, groceries,	113.82
“ Briggs & Co., groceries,	177.25
“ R. W. Turner & Co., groceries,	87.13
“ Daniel B. White & Co., groceries,	68.99
“ N. E. Buck, groceries,	19.95

Paid T. Prior, fish,	\$10.84
“ Josiah Clark, meat,	111.77
“ R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	188.33
“ J. White Belcher, grain and meal,	225.90
“ N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	27.75
“ L. Hofferma, clothing,	6.25
“ G. H. & C. Prescott, clothing,	6.23
“ Joseph McMullen, clothing,	15.77
“ Sidney French, shoes,	12.20
“ Mace Gay, supplies furnished,	17.50
“ William Campbell, repairs, etc.,	27.05
“ Adam F. Jones, posts,	2.00
“ Jesse Fenno, cow,	55.00
“ Walter Cartwright, supplies,	5.00
“ Town of Randolph, for salt grass,	17.25
“ C. A. Wales, labor and material,	10.82
“ T. S. Clogston, repairs,	27.05
“ Thomas Devine, two pigs,	16.00
“ P. A. Wales & Son, one pump,	16.00
“ F. Porter, medicine,	3.30
“ Dr. W. M. Babbitt, medical attendance,	15.00
“ Heirs of Wm. Cole, pasturage,	16.00
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	\$1,790.65

Relief of Poor out of the Almshouse.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Packard, board and clothing,	\$100.00
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EDWARD AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid Samuel Chessman, board,	\$156.00
“ Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	1.00
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	\$157.00

STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Paid for board and clothing, Triphena Niles,	\$225.82
“ board and clothing, Levi L. Holbrook,	32.15
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	\$257.97

MRS. WILLIAM GRADY AND FAMILY.

Paid T. J. Hill, for supplies,	\$96.00
“ Ann Crosly, for nursing,	7.00
“ Dr. E. A. Allen, for medical attendance,	47.75
“ Ralph Houghton, for coffin,	12.00
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	\$162.75

Paid for Mrs. Michael Crowley,	\$8.75
“ Bradford W. Sylvester,	8.00
“ J. W. Sylvester,	41.07
“ John Fencer and family,	102.24
“ Lysander P. Holbrook,	12.88
“ Rose Gill,	25.50
“ Levi Linfield,	92.75
“ Mrs. William Barry,	13.50
“ Mrs. Richard Carey,	10.50
“ Mrs. Margaret Kennedy,	21.00
“ Mrs. Philip Kenney,	20.50
“ Mrs. Hugh Roddan,	27.50
“ Mrs. Frances Holbrook,	15.00
“ Elias Cole,	3.00
“ Mrs. David McKay,	10.50
“ Mrs. James Walch,	7.00
“ Mrs. Gerald Farrell,	10.50
“ Mrs. James Riley,	10.50
“ sundry persons, relief,	39.42
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	\$480.11

Relief of Poor of other Towns.

Paid for Mrs. William Taunt, Braintree,	\$4.00
“ Mrs. J. A. Hobart, Holbrook,	8.00
“ Catherine Curtis, Holbrook,	75.75
“ Lucius Hollis, Holbrook,	134.97
“ Alice E. Clark, Boston,	90.58
“ Ellen M. Erskine, Abington,	7.00
“ Edmund Burke, Foxborough,	22.00
“ Nancy Swain, Quincy,	13.00
“ John Ward, Boston,	9.15
“ Jeremiah Saxton, Braintree,	100.00
“ Henrietta Woodbury, Boston,	158.00
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	\$622.45

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By cash paid Treasurer, and bills due for labor, board, and produce sold,	\$418.42
Net expense of supporting poor in Alms- house,	1,372.23
Total expense of supporting poor out of Alms- house,	1,157.83
Total expense in and out of the Almshouse,	2,530.06

Relief of Poor whose Military Settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook.

Paid for Ann Sloan,	\$68.29
“ Mary Mullins,	21.38
“ Frederick Hill,	26.00
“ Mrs. John E. Mann,	34.50
“ Mrs. Rose Murphy,	31.00

Paid for Mr. Albert Howard and family,	\$60.91
“ Mrs. Jeremiah C. Buckley,	203.04
“ Mrs. Daniel Cleary,	50.25
“ Leonard Thayer,	10.50
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	\$505.87



State Paupers.

Paid William H. Warren, for 611 tramps committed to lockup,	\$179.80
“ John Holman, bedding for lockup,	47.70
“ R. W. Turner & Co., supplies for lockup,	52.23
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	\$279.73



Funeral Expenses.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 66 funerals at \$3.00,	\$198.00
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State Aid.

Paid sundry persons (as per account returned to the State),	\$3,028.50
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Fire Department.

Paid sundry bills (for items see report of Engineers),	\$1,714.74
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Abatements on Taxes.

Paid Edson M. Roel, Collector for 1873,	\$16.65
“ Horatio B. Alden, Collector for 1874,	317.92
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	\$334.57

Town Officers.

Paid Solomon L. White, services as School Committee from March 1 to April 1, 1874,	\$25.00
“ Nathaniel Howard, services as School Committee,	135.00
“ Nathaniel Howard, use of horse and carriage,	47.50
“ Jonathan Wales, services as School Committee,	50.00
“ Michael A. Donovan, services as School Committee,	66.00
“ Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1873,	325.08
“ J. White Belcher, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, including cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275.00
“ John T. Flood, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, including cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275.00
“ James A. Tower, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, including cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275.00

Paid William H. Warren, services as Con- stable,	\$25.00
“ Engineers of Fire Department, for ser- vices to May 1, 1874,	65.00
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	\$1,563.58

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Jas. Harris & Co., printing 1200 Town Reports,	\$176.50
“ Grand Army, Post 110, as per vote of Town,	100.00
“ Seth Mann, 2d, clerical services for Road Commissioners,	15.00
“ M. R. Warren, books and stationery,	17.50
“ D. N. Huxford, printing,	38.50
“ Hon. J. Q. Adams, professional services,	20.00
“ J. White Belcher, Insurance,	38.75
“ Little, Brown & Co., General Statutes and Supplements,	7.50
“ Eleazor Beal, surveying and setting bounds, and services,	14.50
“ P. A. Wales & Son, repairing pump,	13.00
“ A. J. Gove, express, and cash paid,	9.20
“ William Campbell, varnishing and re- pairs on hearse,	20.00
“ Special Police, for services July 4, 5, 6, 1874,	61.00
“ D. G. Corliss, stone bounds,	7.80
“ Colin Boyd, care of Selectmen's room and labor,	8.10
“ John G. Poole, postage,	4.57
“ George Talbot and Ellis Tucker, referees in Alden case,	8.00

Paid Ralph Houghton, bill for repairs,	\$3.00
“ George W. Taylor and Chas. Nichols, distributing Town Reports,	5.00
“ H. N. Francis, repairs on lockup,	43.61
“ Rockwell & Churchill, printing,	3.00
“ T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	5.75
“ L. M. Ham and others, labor and material on lockup,	25.01
“ John B. Thayer, labor and material on lockup,	11.50
“ C. A. Wales, stove and repairs, Select- men's room,	12.20
“ Sundry bills, for services and repairs,	22.50
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	\$691.49

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1875, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

FRANK MORTON,
FRANKLIN PORTER,
EDGAR HOWARD,

Auditors.

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1875.

Almshouse Establishment.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC.,

MARCH 1, 1875.

1 horse,	\$200.00
2 cows,	80.00
8 hens,	5.00
2 pigs,	20.00
10 tons hay,	225.00
1 horse cart,	65.00
1 farm wagon,	65.00
1 sled,	3.00
3 harnesses,	25.00
1 wheelbarrow,	3.00
1 grindstone,	10.00
4 scythes and snaths,	4.00
3 rakes,	1.00
7 hay and manure forks,	5.00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6.00
2 plows,	6.00
1 cultivator,	7.00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2.50
1 saw-horse,	75
4 hoes,	1.25
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5.00
1 churn,	2.00
1 boiler,	2.00
50 bushels potatoes,	45.00
65 lbs. hard soap,	6.50
1½ barrels soft soap,	9.00
2 lbs. coffee,	50

4 lbs. chocolate,	\$2.00
$\frac{1}{8}$ bushel beans,	40
10 gallons molasses,	6.00
4 lbs. sugar,	50
$1\frac{1}{4}$ barrels flour,	12.50
18 iron bedsteads,	100.00
16 navy blankets,	12.00
12 blue mixed blankets,	8.00
6 colored spreads,	6.00
7 feather beds,	56.00
13 under beds,	20.00
34 single sheets,	15.00
9 double sheets,	5.00
23 pillow-cases,	10.00
16 feather pillows,	9.00
15 towels,	2.00
Table-cloths,	5.00
6 wooden trunks,	3.00
3 dining-tables,	15.00
5 light-stands,	3.00
60 chairs,	30.00
Ash barrel, sifter, hod, and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	25.00
6 flatirons,	2.25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1.25
Steelyards,	1.50
Clothes-wringer,	5.00
Crockery ware,	40.00
Wooden ware,	20.00
Tin ware,	12.00
2 cords wood,	8.00
5 tons coal,	40.00
450 pounds pork,	42.00

30 pounds lard,	\$3.00
50 pounds butter,	17.50
9 lamps,	4.50
30 flour barrels,	6.00
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	\$1,357.65

**Names of persons supported in the Almshouse,
during the year ending March 1, 1875.**

Polly Copeland,	Peter Rierdon,
Eunice Delano,	Lorenzo D. Eddy,
Betsy M. Eddy,	Thomas B. Platts,
Ellen Kennedy,	† Garrett Noonan,
† Thomas Stevens,	Keilah H. Kennedy,
Mary F. Veazie,	Clarence B. Veazie,
‡ Ellen Burke,	‡ Dennis Slattery,
Catherine Curran,	Emery Delano.

† Refunded. ‡ Discharged.

Estimate of Expenses for 1875.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the Town :—

For Schools (see report of School Committee),	\$6,500.00
“ Repairs, furniture, and incidental expenses,	1,625.00
“ Highways,	3,000.00
“ General Town Expenses,	10,000.00
“ Reduction of Town Debt,	5,000.00
“ Fire Department,	1,800.00
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	\$27,925.00

Guide Posts.

Guide posts erected and maintained by the town, remain the same as last year.

The Selectmen recommend a special appropriation for the erection of guide posts at all places deemed necessary and convenient. (See General Statues, chapter 45.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,
JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
Selectmen of Randolph.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town:—

GENTLEMEN,—The following is submitted as the Report of the School Committee for the past year:—

In a democratic country like our own, where the reins of government lie wholly within the hands of the people, their early education becomes of the utmost and of vital importance. In our schools, and in the manner in which they are conducted, lies the very mainsprings of the future welfare and prosperity of the whole country; and every year, not only at home but abroad, we find that the subject attracts more and more attention, and even threatens to become one of the national problems in the training of the different nations. Having then in our power and under our control an element of such importance, the question comes home to the committee, how we can impress upon the people the necessity of giving more attention to our schools: how increase the lax and slight attention of a very few: and how to arouse and maintain an interest and enthusiasm among the rest, who apparently take no interest in this work. The question, it is true, has been agitated and debated upon again and again, and mentioned in probably every report of every committee throughout the State; but because no result has been attained from these frequent and urgent admonitions

of School Committees, it still is no less our duty to call your attention to the necessity of personal supervision of the committee, the houses, teachers, and scholars.

Leaving for the moment the question of the duties of a committee, and the objects and purposes for which they are chosen, have you as citizens done your parts when you have perhaps glanced over the Annual Report and run over the items of expenditures? We may have been appointed as substitutes for your personal inspection of these things, as the moral overseers of the intellectual mills of the children of the town; but these same substitutes and overseers need looking after, and what is more, they need encouragement from their employers while carrying on their work, provided it is done properly: and in order that you may from your own personal knowledge judge on this point, we earnestly renew an invitation to every one to visit the schools during the coming year. We desire an earnest, fair, and just criticism upon all that pertains to our schools; and after an examination into the existing facts, as to anything which pertains to the schools, scholars, or teachers, we would welcome the opinion of any of the people.

While through the report we can reach a certain class of parents, and thus urge upon them the necessity and their duty to themselves, the children, and to the community, of sending their children to school constantly, there is a certain class of parents, and behind these parents a class of scholars, whom it is at present impossible to reach.

And to us it seems that the only way in which these children can be reached and made to attend school, at least long enough to acquire education sufficient to enable them to read and write their names, is by means of the legislature, and through some compulsory-education law. We do not propose to insert in this report any argument for

or against so important and lengthy a subject, but merely to call attention to a want long felt, and often expressed, in the management of our schools.

In our last report it was stated, that we proposed to deduct from the scholars' standing a certain amount in cases of continued absence without satisfactory excuse. We have considered this proposition, and while some of the teachers have expressed their opinions as to the beneficial results to be obtained by this course, and even advised the detention of scholars otherwise qualified to advance, we have not as yet been able to reconcile it with our present method of examination. We claim, however, that it is within the province of the committee to establish such a rule for the government of truants, and we would warn such scholars and their parents that it is liable to enforcement during the next year.

We think that from the system of studies which we have attempted to make the same for children of equal ages and abilities throughout the different schools, our schools have derived considerable benefit, and we expect that by following this system they will, after some time, have about the same studies for similar classes of scholars.

Our annual Spring examinations have been carried on as nearly as possible in the course laid out for them last year; and, in comparing the results, we are satisfied that this method of written examinations is the best, and that there has been a marked improvement in answers themselves and in the manner of writing the answers.

The following are the questions given out, —

Grammar Schools.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Express in figures twenty-five millionths seven ten thousandths and four units.
2. State where the decimal point should be placed and in what proportion the figures to the right of it increase or decrease.
3. Divide fourteen hundred-thousandths by twenty hundredths, and multiply the quotient by five millionths.
4. Change 5 T. 700 lbs. to pounds.
5. Define a plane surface; an angle; a square.
6. What will 3 acres 25 sq. yards of land cost at $7\frac{2}{3}$ cts. a square foot.
7. Find the cost of a pile of wood 69 ft. long and $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, at \$9 2-5 a cord, the wood being cut the usual length.
8. What should be the weight of a loaf of bread before baking, that it may weigh 30 ounces afterwards, if in the process of baking it loses $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent? Explain the method.
9. A commission merchant received \$4,160 with which to purchase carpeting after deducting his commission of 4 per cent. on the money to be expended; what was the sum to be expended, and what was his commission? Explain the method.
10. A tax of \$13,590 is to be assessed upon a certain town; the property is valued at \$1,500,000; there are 3120 polls to be taxed 75 cents each: find the tax on \$1.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Name the prominent capes on the coast of the South Atlantic States.
2. Through what States do the Green Mountains run?
3. What small stream forms part of the northern boundary of Florida?
4. What large lake is in the southern part of Florida?
5. State the difference between latitude and longitude.
6. Name the circles which separate the zones, taking each in its order.
7. When is a place said to be in east or west longitude?
8. In what latitude is Boston, and what is it?

9. Name the chief cities of the United States, and tell how many are capitals of states.

10. What large stream rises in the west end of the Kong mountains?

GRAMMAR.

1. Define voice, and give a short sentence in each.

2. Write the personal pronouns in all their cases, both singular and plural.

3. Tell what is meant by mode, and give the first person singular only of the verb to be, in all its modes.

4. Parse the following sentence, and tell all you know of the grammatical construction of each word: "Columbus discovered America."

5. Point out the verbs in the following, and give the principal parts of each:

"The soldiers endeavored to preserve their ranks unbroken, knowing well their very existence depended upon such a course, for the hostile cavalry hung upon their wings, ready at any time to charge upon them."

WORDS IN SPELLING.

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Vignette. | 6. Vaccinate. | 11. Facial. | 16. Threshold. |
| 2. Doubt. | 7. Suite. | 12. Tugged. | 17. Rogues. |
| 3. Anxious. | 8. Auxiliary. | 13. Scion. | 18. Douche. |
| 4. Examiner. | 9. Minstrel. | 14. Chorister. | 19. Instalment. |
| 5. Possessive. | 10. Interrupt. | 15. Science. | 20. Nonsense. |



First Intermediate.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Define a minuend, subtrahend, and a remainder, and give an example showing each.

2. Define multiplier, quotient, and product, and give examples showing each.

3. How many dimes in \$20: how many cents; and how many mills?

4. Express in figures the following: twenty-three million; twenty-two billion, one hundred and thirteen thousand, one hundred and eighty seven.
5. What is an integral number? What is an integral unit?
6. What is a factor of a number? Give an example.
7. Define prime and composite numbers, and give examples.
8. Find the greatest common factor of 27, 36, and 60.
9. How many pounds of butter at $\$ \frac{2}{3}$ a pound can be bought for 19-6 dollars (perform by fractions).
10. Multiply $\frac{2}{3}$ by $\frac{7}{8}$ and divide by $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3-9.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. Define a promontory.
2. Describe the climate of the South Atlantic and Gulf States.
3. What is the soil of the Middle Atlantic States? Name their vegetable productions.
4. Which States produce the most wool? which the most tobacco?
5. What range of mountains in North America?
6. Name the four most important islands in the Archipelago of the Antilles?
7. What Gulf west of Mexico?
8. Where is the capital of a State generally situated?
9. What plants furnish most material for clothing?
10. What kind of soil usually produces the valuable minerals?

GRAMMAR.

1. Tell how many persons are employed and what each person represents.
2. What is that verb called which takes immediately after it the objective case?
3. What is a syllable?
4. What is meant by parsing?
5. Write the personal pronouns, simple and compound, in both numbers.

WORDS IN SPELLING.

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|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Molasses. | 6. Courtesy. | 11. Civility. | 16. Lead. |
| 2. Weight. | 7. Veil. | 12. Seize. | 17. Seine. |
| 3. Wrap. | 8. Tear. | 13. Maize. | 18. Mail. |
| 4. Muscular. | 9. Secular. | 14. Ordinance. | 19. Temperance |
| 5. Familiar. | 10. Valley. | 15. Oscillate. | 20. Ossify. |

Second Intermediate.

ARITHMETIC.

1. What will be the cost of fencing 49 miles of railroad at 728 dollars a mile?
2. How many acres of land can be bought at 55 dollars an acre for \$10,795?
3. What is a divisor, a multiplicand, and a remainder?
4. Define a unite and a number, and give examples.
5. What is a unit of the second order? Give an example.
6. Define addition, subtraction, and division, and give the signs of each.
7. Write the table for dry measure.
8. Write twenty-five million four hundred thousand and seventy-five.
9. What will $25\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of sugar cost at $8\frac{1}{2}$ cts. a pounds.
10. How many loaves of bread can be bought at $\frac{1}{4}$ of a dollar a loaf for \$17 $\frac{2}{3}$.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. What part of a river is called its source?
2. Are lakes bodies of fresh or salt water?
3. Which hemisphere has the largest river? Name the largest river and the highest mountain.
4. Are imports limited to any particular articles of merchandise? Tell why called imports.
5. Name the principal productions which agriculture furnishes.

WORDS IN SPELLING.

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Knives. | 6. Spaniels. | 11. Jaundice. | 16. Haughty. |
| 2. Reprieve. | 7. Perceive. | 12. Believe. | 17. Tortoise. |
| 3. Crevice. | 8. Knead. | 13. Finance. | 18. Instil. |
| 4. Else. | 9. Vermilion. | 14. Azure. | 19. Taunt. |
| 5. Heinous. | 10. Stranger. | 15. Parasol. | 20. Laurel. |

Third Intermediate.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Add seven hundred, and nineteen hundred and forty, and fourteen thousand and eighty together.
2. Subtract nine hundred and eighty-seven from twelve thousand and ten.
3. What will ten pounds of sugar cost at seventeen and one-half cents a pound?
4. How many units in seventeen hundred and sixty-eight?
5. Divide thirteen thousand by twenty-five hundred.
6. Point out the dividend, divisor, and quotient in the above example.
7. Write fourteen million, six hundred thousand and seven in figures.
8. Multiply seven by thirteen and one-half.
9. If Mrs. Brown had $27\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, and paid one half of it for a cloak, and two and one-half dollars for a pair of shoes, how much had she remaining?
10. If I buy five barrels of flour at $\$9\frac{1}{2}$ a barrel, and give in part payment therefor three cords of wood at $\$10$ a cord, how many dollars remain unpaid?

GEOGRAPHY.

1. What is a harbor?
2. How many continents are there on the earth's surface?
3. What is that part of the land called which lies next to an ocean?
4. Which hemisphere is called the Old World, and which the New World?
5. What is the Capital of a State?

WORDS IN SPELLING.

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|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. Gnawed. | 2. Digger. | 3. Straight. |
| 4. Parallel, | | 5. Search. |

The highest average obtained was $96\frac{2}{3}$, and the lowest $7\frac{1}{2}$.

And while upon this subject we would call the attention of the people to the necessity of in some way connecting the School Committee with the Trustees of the High School. There are many common points of interest between the two, as will readily appear to every one; and to us it seems that our examinations in the Grammar Schools should be made to correspond with that for entrance into the High School.

It is of course a matter which lies wholly within the control of the voters, and we would simply suggest that there seems to be a need of something of the kind.

The whole number of children in town on the 1st of last May, was about 875. Of these, the largest number upon the School Registers at any one time was 753; and the average attendance of this last number was 77.6. There were employed in the schools during the year, twenty different teachers; and the schools in aggregate, kept one hundred and fifty-two months and ten days, — an average length to each school of nine months and ten days.

The number of children attending under five years of age, was thirteen; and over fifteen years the number was fifteen. The cost to the town of each scholar attending was nearly \$10.19.

We have been enabled to make all needed repairs, and still to keep within our appropriation: having a surplus, after reckoning the money from the State and the private funds, of about eight hundred dollars.

We would thank the voters of the town for the willingness and promptness with which they complied, at the last annual meeting, with our application for an increased appropriation.

For the ensuing year we would recommend that the town make the following appropriations, —

For teaching,	\$6,000.00
“ fuel,	400.00
“ care of rooms,	400.00
“ incidental expenses,	850.00
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	\$7,650.00

Respectfully,

JONATHAN WALES,

Chairman.

Expenditures for Schools, 1874-75.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid	Thomas H. West,	1 year,	\$1,000.00
"	Walter Hoxie,	1 "	867.50
"	Miss Sarah E. Shankland,	1 "	450.00
"	" Julia B. White,	13 weeks,	117.00
"	" Annie Veazie,	1 year,	351.00
"	" Nellie F. Thayer,	1 "	275.90
"	" S. V. Wilde,	1 "	300.00
"	" Kate E. Ryan,	13 weeks,	109.00
"	" Isabel C. Beal,	1 year,	228.00
"	" Emma H. King,	1 "	225.00
"	" Annie M. Wilde,	1 "	304.00
"	" Margaret W. Boyd,	1 "	245.00
"	" Emma D. Stetson,	1 "	217.00
"	" Alice A. Smith,	1 "	325.00
"	" Antoinette T. Smith,	1 "	275.00
"	" Emma T. Mann, Assistant, 6 weeks,		
	Primary No. 4,		21.00
"	" A. L. White,	25 weeks,	225.00
"	" Isabel C. Driscoll,	24 "	120.00
"	" Annie H. Smith, Assistant, 21 weeks,		
	Primary No. 4,		63.00
"	Mrs. A. E. Upham	1 year,	342.00
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			\$6,059.50
Paid appropriation for Stetson High School			\$500.00

FUEL.

Paid	R. W. Turner & Co., 37 tons coal,	\$344.25
"	R. T. & E. M. Mann, wood,	33.75

Paid George Clark, cutting wood,	\$7.00
“ J. Feeney, “	5.00
“ A. C. Kimball, “	1.50
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	\$391.50

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$201.05
“ Lawrence Ormsby,	113.10
“ Minot L. Beal,	20.00
“ Charles E. Bump,	20.00
“ Mrs. J. Bump,	2.50
“ Charles Piper,	20.45
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	\$377.10

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Furniture and Repairs on School Houses and Incidental Expenses.

Paid Eugene F. Ward, labor on desks and chairs,	\$20.00
“ Eugene F. Ward, painting black-boards,	64.22
“ Thomas D. Morris, for paint,	69.65
“ James Ingham, painting four school-houses,	100.00
“ E. F. & E. King, for barrel of oil,	40.22
“ J. D. F. Lyons, plastering and repairing,	100.00
“ Winslow Alden, labor and material,	134.59
“ R. W. Turner, & Co., supplies,	15.93
“ G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	3.40
“ Charles A. Wales, stoves and repairs,	46.30
“ O. D. Daniels, covering erasers,	9.65
“ J. L. Hammett, crayons,	20.80
“ J. E. Nash, bells, clocks, and repairs,	10.12
“ T. F. Bancroft, whitening fence, No. 4,	8.50
“ H. M. Thayer, labor setting posts, “	7.00
“ J. B. Rhines, lumber, “	12.15
“ North Baptist Church, settees, etc.,	10.75

Paid Austin Roel, labor,	\$9.00
“ Abiel Howard, posts,	4.50
“ F. Porter, school-books,	69.64
“ Ralph Houghton, labor and material,	4.50
“ D. B. White & Co., supplies,	5.85
“ George W. Jones, use of well, two years,	6.00
“ Royal S. Holbrook, use of well, two years,	6.00
“ Patrick Feeney, use of well, one year,	6.00
“ Laurence Hayes, use of well, one year,	3.00
“ A. J. Gove, expressage and cash, paid,	12.90
“ T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	1.50
“ F. A. Stanley, labor and material,	3.50
“ Charles R. Piper, coal-hods brooms, etc.,	1.80
“ Patrick Feeney, labor,	3.15
“ Walter Beal, labor,	1.50
“ Mrs. Moses Mann, cleaning house,	4.00
“ Mrs. Margaret Riley, cleaning house,	17.50
“ Mrs. Mary Feeney, cleaning house,	6.88
“ Mrs. Shields,	6.35
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	\$846.85

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Total Expense for Schools.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,059.50
“ appropriation for Stetson High School,	500.00
“ fuel,	391.50
“ care of school-rooms,	377.10
“ incidental expenses,	846.85
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Total,	\$8,174.95

Respectfully,

JONATHAN WALES,
Chairman of Committee.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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The Stetson School Fund of ten thousand and six hundred dollars (\$10,600) remains invested in the following Banks, viz. :—

10 shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston, (par)	\$1,000
10	“ Webster, “ “ “	1,000
10	“ Hide & Leather, “ “ “	1,000
10	“ Shoe & Leather, “ “ “	1,000
10	“ Exchange, “ “ “	1,000
10	“ Boylston, “ “ “	1,000
10	“ Tremont, “ “ “	1,000
20	“ Old Boston, “ “ “	1,000
13	“ Shawmut, “ “ “	1,300
13	“ Randolph, “ Randolph “	1,300
		\$10,600

The annexed financial account furnishes a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures for the current year :—

The school year of 1874 and 1875 commenced April 7, 1874, and ended March 19, 1875.

The grand total days attendance for the year was 7,170

The grand total days absence,	425
Whole number of days taught,	191
Average membership,	39 $\frac{146}{191}$
Average daily attendance,	37 $\frac{103}{191}$
Percentage of attendance,	94.4

The school for a little more than two years has been under the care and management of Mr. F. M. Tyler, as principal, and Miss Helen L. Webster, as assistant.

Notwithstanding there has been an unusual amount of sickness during the latter part of the school year, which has somewhat reduced the average attendance as compared with that of last year, still, that kind of discipline, intellectual culture, and refinement which is so essential and indispensable to the development of a school of a high standard, has been effectually introduced during the past year, and if continued, cannot fail to prove very beneficial to the community.

Monthly written examinations have been required of the pupils throughout the year, and their desired effect upon the school in point of thorough discipline has been fully realized.

To accord more fully with the original design of the school, as well as to meet the wishes of many citizens, the younger classes of the school have received instruction in the principles of book-keeping.

Your Trustees cannot but again allude to the fact of parents and the friends of education, hesitating and neglecting to encourage the pupils of this school by frequently visiting them. But few persons, on this account, are capable of accurately judging of the merits of the school, or of marking the progress that has been made.

It is with much regret that here we must announce the resignation of the assistant teacher. Miss Webster has not only skillfully and faithfully performed her duties as

a teacher, but also has secured the respect of all who have been so fortunate as to make her acquaintance.

Of the credit which is due these teachers for the able and efficient manner in which they have conducted this school during the past year, it will not be necessary to comment further. In this report it is not so much the intention of your Trustees to remark upon the commendable proficiency which the pupils of the school have made in the various branches in which they have been instructed, as to place before the citizens of this community the present aspect of the financial requisition for the ensuing year.

In reference to the future prosperity of the school, there is much which requires the careful consideration and deliberate action of the town. In order to keep the school under its present discipline, it will be extremely necessary to retain the services of a competent female assistant. This cannot be done with the usual sum appropriated by the town, unless the town assumes the expense of insuring and repairing Stetson Hall: and here, perhaps, it may be necessary for your Trustees to remind you that the expense of insuring and keeping Stetson Hall in repair is much greater than it was before its enlargement, or when the rate of insurance was less than at the present time.

At the last annual meeting of the town it was voted to assist in defraying the expenses of this school by raising the sum of five hundred dollars, of which two hundred dollars was directed by the same meeting to be appropriated for repairs upon the roof of Stetson Hall, thus leaving a balance of three hundred dollars only, to be used in defraying the expenses of the school. The income received for rent of Stetson Hall during the current year has been one hundred dollars less than last year. The ensuing year the resources for defraying the expenses of the school are to be still further reduced by being deprived of the rent

of the bank-room which has heretofore yielded the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. On the 1st of April next three policies of insurance are to be renewed, which will require a sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

In consequence of the small appropriation made by the town, your Trustees have been unable to meet the expenses of the past year by about two hundred and fifty dollars (bills to this amount still remaining unpaid) ; and it is earnestly desired by your Trustees that the town will favorably consider their request, and cheerfully and readily make such an appropriation for the ensuing year as will sufficiently meet all the necessary expenses of repairing, insurance, and approximating the standard of an excellent High School.

In regard to the commencement of the ensuing school year, notice will be given elsewhere.

EPHRAIM MANN,
SIDNEY FRENCH,
CHAS. H. HOWARD,
Trustees.

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1875.

Dr, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES in acc't with the STETSON SCHOOL FUND. Cr.

1874.		\$11 33	1874.		\$15 10
March.	To Balance of Account for last year,		April. 15.	By paying R. W. Turner & Co.'s, bill of coal,	11 40
April.	To Dividend for six months, Exchange National Bank,	\$60 00		" Rand, Avery & Co.'s, bill,	18 75
	To Dividend for six months, Shoe and Leather National Bank,	50 00		" H. J. Whitcomb's bill, for care of room,	40
	To Dividend for six months, Randolph National Bank,	78 00		" N. Rosenfeld's bill,	3 50
	To Dividend for six months, Boylston National Bank,	60 00	May. 23.	" E. A. Perry's bill,	2 75
	To Dividend for six months, Eliot National Bank,	40 00	June. 1.	" Daniel H. Huxford's bill,	2 00
	To Dividend for six months, Shawmut National Bank,	58 50	4.	" H. H. Francis's bill,	2 97
	To Dividend for six months, Tremont National Bank,	40 00	July. 4.	" N. E. Knight's bill,	422 50
	To Dividend for six months, Webster National Bank,	40 00	14.	" F. M. Tyler's bill, salary thirteen weeks,	18 00
	To Dividend for six months, Old Boston National Bank,	60 00	30.	" Philip Reynold's bill, musical instrument,	175 11
	To Dividend for six months, Hide and Leather National Bank,	40 00		" George S. Stone & Co.'s, bill, repairing roof,	11 50
July.	To Cash from Town, amount of annual appropriation,	\$526 50		" Arthur W. Alden's bill, care of room,	156 00
September,	To Cash from Randolph National Bank, for six months' rent,	\$500 00	August. 31.	" Miss Helen L. Webster's bill, salary thirteen weeks,	35 50
October,	To Dividend for six months, from Exchange National Bank,	75 00	September 22.	" Ralph Houghton's bill, repairs,	8 00
	To Dividend for six months, from Shoe and Leather National Bank,	\$60 00	28.	" E. M. Roel's bill, labor. etc.,	9 10
				" Mace Gay's bill, "	1 93
			November 6.	" Sidney French's bill, paid on room,	325 00
				" F. M. Tyler's bill, salary, Aug. 31. to Nov. 6.	157 50
				" Miss Helen L. Webster's bill,	87 50
			December 19.	" R. W. Turner & Co.'s, bill, ten tons coal,	15 00
			26.	" Arthur W. Alden's bill, care of room,	24 60
				" Charles A. Wales' sbill, repairs and items,	11 30
			1875.	" Sidney French's bill, items,	
			January 29.	" F. M. Tyler's bill, salary one quarter,	325 00
			February 19.	" Charles H. Howard's bill, shingles,	5 75

March, 1875.			
Balance,	-	-	\$12,743 34
Received for Treasury Notes,	-	-	7,000 00
" Tax Bill, 1874,	-	-	30,899 16
" Bank Dividends,	-	-	96 00
" Interest on Tax, 1873,	-	-	226 66
" Salt Grass,	-	-	60 50
" Dog Licenses (County Treasurer),	-	-	430 37
" State School Fund (State Treasurer),	-	-	383 26
" " Corporation Tax,	-	-	2,056 49
" " Bank Tax,	-	-	5,224 78
" " State Aid,	-	-	3,000 00
" of H. L. Pierce,	-	-	2 00
" E. M. Roel, Collecting Extra Taxes,	-	-	31 10
" N. Howard, sale old materials,	-	-	11 78
" Selectmen, State Aid overdrawn,	-	-	66 00
" R. Adams, on note,	-	-	98 25
" Town Farm,	-	-	262 40
" " Foxboro, pauper,	-	-	33 50
" " Holbrook, settlement,	-	-	1,254 67
" " Quincy, pauper,	-	-	13 00
" " North Bridgewater, pauper,	-	-	17 50
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			\$63,910 76
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March, 1875.			
Paid Treasury Notes,	-	-	\$14,400 00
" Town Orders,	-	-	25,884 72
" Interest,	-	-	3,434 26
" State Tax, 1874,	-	-	3,140 00
" National Bank Tax, } \$ 216 13			
} 2,707 60			
" Town Treasurer,	-	-	2,923 73
" Town Clerk, recording Births, Deaths, and Mar-	-	-	100 00
riages, Stamps, &c. Sexton returning Deaths, }			
Balance,	-	-	101 95
Bank Stock,	-	-	13,926 10
Note,	-	-	\$800 00
Tax, 1874,	-	-	700 00
Cash, &c.	-	-	2,599 16
	-	-	9,826 94
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			\$13,926 10
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			\$63,910 76

The Subscribers, Auditors of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Randolph, for the year ending March 1, 1875, have examined the Accounts of HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER, and have found the same correctly cast, and properly vouched, with suitable entries.

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1875.

FRANKLIN PORTER,
FRANK MORTON,
EDGAR HOWARD.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Engineers of the Fire Department, of Randolph respectfully submit the following report. The expenses of the department have been as follows:—

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER Co., No. 1.

For the year ending May 1, 1874.

Paid 24 men, services one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$168.00
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For the year ending March 1, 1875.

Paid N. E. Knight, steward's bill,	\$7.50
	\$175.50

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE No. 2.

For the year ending May 1, 1874.

Paid 50 men, services one year, \$7.00 each,	\$350.00
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For the year ending March 1, 1875.

Paid steward's bill,	\$9.25
“ Independence Company, labor at fires,	39.25
“ Eugene O'Reiley, steward's bill,	15.25
	413.75

FEARLESS ENGINE NO. 3.

For the year ending May 1, 1874.

Paid 40 men, services one year, \$7.00 each,	\$280.00
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For the year ending March 1, 1875.

Paid Company, labor at fires,	\$32.00
“ Wm. A. English, steward's bill,	20.50
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	\$332.50

FIRE KING ENGINE NO. 5.

For the year ending May 1, 1874.

Paid 49 men one year's services, \$7.00 each,	\$343.00
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For the year ending March 1, 1875.

Paid Company, labor at fire,	\$43.75
“ J. T. Cartwright, steward,	30.75
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	\$417.50

Incidental Expenses.

Paid G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	\$1.97
“ furniture for Fire King house,	65.00
“ J. A. Mann, drawing Fearless engine, 2 fires,	2.00
“ Wm. Grady, rent of land for Independence,	10.00
“ Belt and Leather Stuffing Co., oiler and tester,	82.50
“ Belt and Leather Stuffing Co., oil,	83.12
“ E. F. Ward, painting Fire King engine- house,	30.00

Paid T. Fardy & Son, repairs on Fire King engine,	\$2.50
“ J. Clark, rent of land, Fearless house,	10.00
“ M. W. Hollis, 4 hoseman suits,	9.50
“ R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	7.25
“ J. H. Wales, repairs on Hook and Ladder carriage,	1.50
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs on Fearless engine,	26.10
“ G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	2.68
“ R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	5.50
“ D. B. White & Co., supplies,	4.66
“ A. J. Gove, expressing and cash paid,	16.95
“ Wm. Cambell, repairs,	14.00
“ C. A. Wales, supplies,	.30
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	\$375.54

Recapitulation.

Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1,	\$175.50
Independence Engine Co., No. 2,	413.75
Fearless Engine Co., No. 3,	332.50
Fire-King Engine Co., No. 5,	417.50
Incidental expenses,	375.54
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Whole amount,	\$1,714.75

The department has been called out during the year as follows :—

April. — Fire on Pond Lane : house of Jonathan Niles ; insured. Engine present, — Fearless.

August. — Fire, store belonging to Jas. E. Nash, and occupied by N. Rosenfeld, dry goods ; D. W. Leach and F. Morton, dentists ; and A. Hawes, groceries : insured ; damage slight on the building ; goods damaged by water and smoke. Engines present,—Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire-King, Independence, and Fearless.

September. — Fire, shop of E. A. Strong & Burt ; damage light. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire-King, and Independence.

For the present year the hook and ladder carriage and engines have good companies attached, well organized, and are ready for duty at any time.

In our estimation the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, will be needed for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. WARREN, CHIEF,
LEVI WILBUR,
E. E. LOTHROP,

Engineers of Fire Department.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1874.

1874.

- Jan. 10. Sumner Harmon and Emma F. Little, both of Holbrook.
 “ 14. William Farrington of Baltimore, and Ellen F. Wells of Randolph.
 “ 10. Martin F. Smith of Randolph, and Mary A. Callahan of Braintree.
 “ 25. Peter F. Rooney and Ella F. Donnovan, both of Randolph.
 Feb. 2. William B. Ryan of Quincy, and Mary J. Neary of Randolph.
 “ 18. Josiah Clark and Nancy A. French, both of Randolph.
 “ 23. George A. Drake of Boston, and Minnie C. A. Denter of Randolph.
 “ 24. George W. Reynolds of Boston, and Mary C. Allen of Randolph.
 April 2. George W. Wild, jr. and Luella A. Bernard, both of Holbrook.
 “ 8. Elbridge E. Whiting and Louisa J. Decosta, both of Stoughton.
 “ 8. Warren T. Jackman and Sarah S. Davenport, both of Canton.
 “ 27. James W. Clark and Mary Bently, both of Randolph.
 May 7. Charles F. Bean and Mary E. Howard, both of Randolph.
 “ 29. Clark M. Warren of Randolph, and Katie Pendergrass of Holbrook.
 “ 14. Samuel W. Holbrook of Brockton, and Mary A. Clark of Holbrook.

- May 27. Henry A. Bagley of Randolph, and Lillian F. Young of Camden, Me.
- " 28. Warren Shaw and Harriet French, both of Randolph.
- June 8. Nicholas Kennedy and Margaret Rooney, both of Randolph.
- " 2. Charles H. Bowman and Lucy A. Thayer, both of Randolph.
- " 16. George M. Reed and Martha Belcher, both of Holbrook.
- " 17. Horace C. Chandler of Holbrook, and Ada E. Taber of Randolph.
- " 17. Edgar A. Bean of Weymouth, and Anna C. Rowe of Randolph.
- " 17. William H. Stodard of Braintree, and Mary L. Green of Randolph.
- " 27. Dudley Wade and Mary E. Packard, both of Brockton.
- Aug. 2. Thomas W. O'Donnell of Rockland, and Catharine E. Manix of Randolph.
- " 12. Michael Sweeney of Quincy, and Hannah Pope of Randolph.
- " 8. Albert W. Dyer of Braintree, and Elisena Taylor of Randolph.
- " 23. Albert H. Holbrook of Randolph, and Mary J. Kennedy of Boston.
- " 30. Charles A. Townsend of Holbrook, and Mary E. Fisher of Randolph.
- " 31. Lowell R. Thomas and Lucinda E. Church, both of Weymouth.
- Sept. 1. Patrick H. Sheridan and Catharine E. Blanch, both of Randolph.
- " 5. Moses N. Hunt of Holbrook, and Sophia E. Croak of Randolph.
- " 24. Frederick L. Belcher and Katie E. Ryan, both of Randolph.
- Oct. 8. William H. Smith of Rockland, and Emma A. Wilson of Randolph.
- " 11. George Kane of Holbrook, and Abby A. Reynolds of Boston.
- " 18. George F. Donly and Clara J. Bradford, both of Brockton.

- Oct. 18. John Sheehan of Stoughton, and Anna Buckley of Randolph.
- “ 7. Edwin P. Rice of Holbrook, and Flora B. Elliot of Randolph.
- “ 8. Charles C. Farnham of Clinton, Ct., and Anna T. Howard of Randolph.
- “ 7. Fred. W. Dunbar of Hingham, and Elvira A. Conant of Randolph.
- “ 18. Charles F. Davenport of Randolph, and Flora E. Otis of Stoughton.
- “ 17. James H. Healy of Randolph, and Charlotte A. Gilbert of Boston.
- Nov. 2. Andrew A. Nightingale and Gustafa A. Petersen, both of Randolph.
- “ 15. Bartholomew Curran and Catharine Kelly, both of Randolph.
- “ 25. Elmore Kingsley of Holbrook, and Adelia M. Woodward of Brockton.
- Dec. 14. Bradford Snell of Brockton, and Caroline French of Stoughton.
- “ 23. Leslie F. Kimball of Hopkinton, and Carrie A. Adams of Randolph.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH IN THE YEAR 1874,

Date.	Names.	Age.			Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1874					
January 12	Frank Fitzgerald - - -		6	12	Accidental.
12	Jesse E. Hayden - - -	1	6		Accidental.
18	Eliza Wood - - -	60	5	2	Cancer.
22	Noah Thayer - - -	81	7		Old Age.
29	Emma L. Thayer - - -	2	5	13	Scarlatina Maligna.
February 2	Mary L. Berry - - -	1	5	29	Pneumonia.
2	— Brown - - -			1	Debility.
6	Catherine Fowkes - - -	35			Entoretis.
13	Chloe T. Stetson - - -	63		24	Phthisis.
17	William P. Taunt - - -	49		25	Heart Disease.
17	Ellen O'Riley - - -		4	13	Pneumonia.
28	Lucia H. Fowler - - -	59	4	28	Acute Entoretis.
March 27	Sally Littlefield - - -	67	4	9	Consumption.
30	Mehitable B. Foster - - -	60	10		Enlargement of Liver.
April 1	Mary Gaynor - - -	79	8	7	Old Age.
2	Michael Ryan - - -	95		18	Hemorrhage of Stomach.
14	Nathan White - - -	77	4	2	Apoplexy.
21	William W. Blencowe - - -	35	2	8	Consumption.
21	Alice Riley - - -	1	2	12	Pneumonia.
26	Edward Lyons - - -			2	Infantile.
26	Mary Belcher - - -	72	9	20	Pneumonia.
27	Abel Belcher - - -	72	4	21	Pgoemia.
May 3	Paul Dowd - - -	73			Tumor.
4	— Hill - - -				Stillborn.
7	Nancy Swain - - -	51	8	9	Heart Disease.
7	Michael Flynn - - -	56		6	Consumption.
9	Mary Perry - - -	50		5	Consumption.
17	Catherine Gerrity - - -	1		10	Teething.
21	Bridget Nightingale - - -	18	10	11	Puerperal Fever.
23	Elias T. Lothrop - - -	45			
24	Mary F. Sweeney - - -	77	5		Consumption.
June 12	Eliza T. Payne - - -	69		9	Suicide.
25	George C. Platt - - -	65	11	18	Brain Disease.
25	James Burke - - -		6	23	Congestion of Lungs.
	— Tolman - - -				Stillborn.
July 3	William Grady - - -	34	9	25	Consumption.
5	— Harris } Twins			$\frac{1}{2}$ h	} Premature Birth.
5	— Harris }			$\frac{5}{5}$ h	
6	Avis Smith - - -	67	4	5	Spinal Disease.
10	Wales Wentworth - - -	75	8	4	Schinous Stomach.
10	Louisa Niles - - -	38	1	28	Abscess of Spleen.
19	Sarah Faunce - - -	55	1		Consumption.
29	Harrison Wild - - -	75	6	21	Old Age.
August 17	Charles L. Carroll - - -		7	17	Cholera Infantum.
21	Jeremiah McCarty - - -		11	10	Scarlatina Maligna.
21	William Shed - - -	66		9	Dysentery.
23	Florence E. Brown - - -		6	21	Cholera Infantum.
26	Fred A. Wales - - -	1	3	21	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
27	Emily J. Hayden - - -	17		6	Infantile.
28	John F. Mullins - - -		2	11	Scarlatina Anginosa.
Sept. 1	Anna L. Woodman - - -	19	11	22	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
12	James P. Riley - - -		3		Meningitis.

DEATHS.—*Continued.*

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		<i>Y.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>D.</i>	
October 14	Samuel R. Estabrook - -	65	8	4	Suicide.
20	Susan M. Hayden - - -	22	4	10	Consumption.
22	Josie M. Gerald - - -	1		22	Marasmus.
28	Frank E. Brown - - -		3	13	Diphtheria.
30	John Logue - - - -	84			Old Age.
Nov. 1	Walter O. Hollis - - -	6	7	4	Phrenitis.
15	Cora I. Jaquith - - -	8	1	15	Typhoid Fever.
Dec. 1	Frank S. Thayer - - -	1	11	17	Cholera Morbus.
3	Amanda Swain - - -	66	4	24	Paralysis.
7	Ellen Hogan - - - -	52			Cancer.
7	— Foss - - - -			3	Infantile.
14	Levi M. Linfield - - -	25	8	10	Consumption.
19	Henry Stevens - - - -	34	4	6	Erysipelas.

TABLE OF DISEASES,

AND NUMBER OF EACH,

Phthisis, Enlargement of Liver, Hemorrhage of Stomach, Debility, Apoplexy, Pgoemia, Tumor, Teething, Puerperal Fever, Unknown, Brain Disease, Congestion of Lungs, Spinal Disease, Schinous Stomach, Abscess of Spleen, Dysentery, Scarlatina Anginosa, Meningitis, Marasmus, Diptheria, Phrenitis, Typhoid Fever, Cholera Morbus, Paralysis, Erysipelas,—1 each. Accidental, Cancer, Scarlatina Maligna, Entoritis, Heart Disease, Stillborn, Suicide, Premature Birth, Cholera Infantum, Phthisis Pulmonalis,—2 each. Infantile,—3. Old Age,—4. Pneumonia,—4. Consumption,—9. Total, 65.

Under 5 years of age,	. . . . .	24
Between 5 and 10	. . . . .	2
“ 10 and 20	. . . . .	3
“ 20 and 30	. . . . .	2
“ 30 and 40	. . . . .	5
“ 40 and 50	. . . . .	2
“ 50 and 60	. . . . .	6
“ 60 and 70	. . . . .	10
“ 70 and 80	. . . . .	8
“ 80 and 90	. . . . .	2
“ 90 and 100	. . . . .	1
Total,		65

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss.
NORFOLK, }

To WILLIAM H. WARREN, or either of the Constables of the
Town of Randolph, in said County, GREETING:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles : viz.,—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such Town Officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting: also a Trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs on school-buildings, and incidental expenses for schools.

ART. 5. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the General Town Expenses the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof, including the payment on the Town debt.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen, from the railroad bridge on Main Street to Warren Street near the depot, as petitioned for by John L. French and others, and raise money for building the same.

ART. 7. To determine the manner of repairing highways, and raise money for the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take in relation to widening Liberty Street, and defining the location of the same, on petition of Amasa Clark and others.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take in relation to engines and pay of engine-men.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles, Post No. 110.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will build a reservoir on Main Street, at some point between the Post Office and the railroad bridge, and raise money therefor.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will require the School

Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Public Schools, and the Town determine the salary of the same.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the Town,—to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits or proceedings in which the Town may be in any way engaged or interested, as a party or otherwise,—for the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means a Town Treasurer may use when acting as Collector.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after Oct. 11, 1875.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will remunerate Thomas Barry, for land taken by the Road Commissioners in widening Warren Street, for which no award was made by them.

ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in relation to establishing a district for erecting and maintaining street lamps: also for employing and paying watchmen and police officers.

ART. 20. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the day appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-fourth day of March, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

J. WHITE BELCHER,
JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,

Selectmen of Randolph.



FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND SUPERIN-
TENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

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TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
TREASURER AND TRUSTEES OF THE STETSON
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FOR THE

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1875-76.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

J. WHITE BELCHER, JOHN T. FLOOD, JAMES A. TOWER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

NATHANIEL HOWARD,	Term expires March 1, 1876.
MICHAEL A. DONNOVAN,	" " " 1877.
JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.	" " " 1878.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

SIDNEY FRENCH,	Term expires March 1, 1876.
CHARLES H. HOWARD,	" " " 1877.
DANIEL HOWARD,	" " " 1878.

Auditors.

FRANK MORTON, FRANK PORTER, EDGAR HOWARD.

Constables.

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	JAMES FRIZZELL,	EZRA R. PAYNE,
WILLIAM F. McMAHON,	HENRY H. FRANCIS,	CHAS. McCARTY.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL, ADAM F. JONES, BENJAMIN THAYER.

Engineers of Fire Department.

WILLIAM H. WARREN, *Chief Engineer.* EDWARD E. LOTHROP, *Clerk.*
LEVI WILBUR.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of the Lock-up.

WILLIAM H. WARREN.

Collector of Taxes.

EDSON M. ROEL.

Representative to the General Court.

SETH MANN, 2d.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen of the Town of Randolph herewith present their Annual Report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1876.

APPROPRIATIONS BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

For schools,	\$7,650 00
Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Repairs on highways,	3,000 00
New roads (including land damage),	3,000 00
General town expenses,	10,000 00
Fire Department,	1,800 00
Payment on town debt,	5,000 00
Grand Army,	100 00
Guide boards,	100 00
Portrait of the late Royal Turner,	1,500 00
State tax,	3,140 00
County tax,	2,141 34
Total,	<hr/> \$38,431 34

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1875.

Personal estate,	\$619,390 00
Real estate,	1,441,840 00
Bank Stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	454,025 00

Corporation stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	137,540 00
Total valuation,	\$2,652,795 00
Increase over 1874,	40,935 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

Total debt March 1, 1872,	\$59,909 42
Total debt March 1, 1873, after division of the town,	39,940 90
Total debt March 1, 1874,	37,506 66
Total debt March 1, 1875,	29,315 19
Total debt March 1, 1876,	21,619 45

Rate of taxation, \$14 on \$1,000.

Average rate of taxation through the State, \$14.68 on \$1,000.

Population of Randolph May 1, 1875,	4,064
Males,	2,031
Females,	2,033
Ratable polls,	1,184
Legal voters,	1,058
Number of dwelling-houses,	752
Number of dwelling-houses occupied,	724
Number of dwelling-houses unoccupied,	28
Number of families,	892
Number of horses,	283
Number of cows,	244
Acres of land taxed,	5,853

Population of the State (19 cities, 322 towns),	1,651,912
Males,	794,284
Females,	857,368

Legal voters in the State,	351,066
Population of Norfolk County (24 towns),	88,321

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED
BY THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1876.

Almshouse property,	\$10,500 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
Two fire-engines, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	2,125 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	800 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 6,	1,650 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 8,	6,000 00
Prescott Schoolhouse and land,	15,000 00
Schoolhouse and land, District No. 10,	5,750 00
Eight shares Randolph National Bank,	1,500 00
Stetson School Fund (par value \$10,600), market value,	12,000 00
Turner Library building and land,	40,000 00
Turner Library,	5,000 00
Turner Library Fund,	5,000 00
Total,	<u>\$132,275 00</u>

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer
amounting to \$28,063 06

On account of schools (teaching, fuel and care of rooms),	7,042 15
Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Repairs and incidental expenses,	1,071 49

On account of repairs on highways,	3,070 25
Removing snow,	359 74
New roads,	1,893 51
Poor in almshouse,	1,758 54
Poor out of almshouse,	1,803 93
Poor belonging to other towns,	519 00
Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook,	859 26
State paupers and tramps,	364 45
Funeral expenses,	168 00
State aid,	2,563 00
Fire department,	1,876 99
Abatement on taxes,	315 50
Town officers,	1,681 00
Fire inquest,	186 65
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,530 00
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	\$28,063 06

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

By direction of the School Committee for the financial year ending March 1, 1876 (the items of the expenses can be examined by referring to the report of the School Committee),

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,202 00
Sundry persons for fuel,	460 55
Sundry persons for care of rooms,	379 60
Appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,071 49
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Total,	\$9,113 64

Amount received from the State School Fund,	\$345 70
received from Coddington fund,	143 00
received from Town appropriation,	8,650 00
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Total,	\$9,138 70
Expenditure less than the appropriation and receipts,	\$25 06

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

REPAIRS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SURVEYORS.

DISTRICTS NO. 1 AND 7, JACKSON BELCHER, *Surveyor*.

Paid Jackson Belcher, labor with team, $39\frac{7}{10}$ days,	\$149 37
P. A. Wales, labor with team, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	26 00
Richard Adams, labor with team, 3 days,	12 00
Ephraim Wales, labor with team, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	25 00
J. N. Bullock, labor with team, 1 day,	4 00
Zaavan Jordan, labor with team, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	2 00
John Gill, labor, 20 days,	40 00
Daniel A. Elliot, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Thomas Prior, labor, $21\frac{1}{2}$ days,	38 00
Thomas Brophy, labor, 14 days,	24 72
Thomas McLaughlin, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Mr. McMullin, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Patrick Kiley, labor, 3 days,	6 00
William Gill, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 00
John Cahill, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Timothy M. O'Niel, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Otis Sullivan, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Thomas Prior, jun., labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 50
Patrick McLaughlin, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
John Desmond, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days,	27 00

Paid J. N. Foster, labor, 14 days,	28 00
Marcus M. Hollis, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days,	27 00
Patrick Wren, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Michael Crowley, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Ephraim Wales, labor, 3 days,	7 00
John Wales, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Charles Moore, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 00
Mr. Buckley, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
P. A. Wales, labor, 2 days,	4 00
John Hill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Henry Beals, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Sundry persons, labor, picking stones,	30 00
N. F. Roel, blasting rocks,	50 52
P. A. Wales, for box,	3 50
T. T. Cushman, drain pipe,	2 00
Jackson Belcher, 142 loads gravel,	11 30
M. C. Beal, 155 loads gravel,	15 50
Ellen R. DuBois, 30 loads gravel,	1 80
John Wales, 40 loads gravel,	2 40
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\$612 61	

DISTRICT NO. 3, PRESCOTT E. WILBUR, *Surveyor*.

Paid Prescott E. Wilbur, labor with team, $10\frac{4}{5}$ days,	\$46 20
Elisha Mann, labor with team, $11\frac{2}{5}$ days,	57 40
A. J. Towns, labor with team, $12\frac{2}{5}$ days,	41 38
R. T. & E. M. Mann, labor with team, $3\frac{4}{5}$ days,	19 20
Seth W. Mann, labor with team, $4\frac{9}{10}$ days,	29 40
Ephraim Mann, labor with team, 2 days,	8 00
Charles H. Mann, labor with team, 2 days,	12 00
Prescott E. Wilbur, labor, $35\frac{1}{10}$ days,	69 80
Eugene N. Wilbur, labor, $31\frac{2}{3}$ days,	63 20

Paid John E. Mann, labor, $17\frac{9}{10}$ days,	36 60
Charles Hayden, labor, $9\frac{4}{10}$ days,	18 80
A. J. Nightingale, labor, 7 days,	14 00
William Tillson, labor, $10\frac{4}{10}$ days,	17 08
A. J. Towns, labor, and hand, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	19 35
Delazon D. Mann, labor, $12\frac{1}{5}$ days,	24 50
Elisha Mann, labor, 6 days,	18 00
Ansel Mann, labor, $13\frac{4}{5}$ days,	27 60
Stillman Jones, labor, $7\frac{7}{10}$ days,	15 40
Alonzo Tabor, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 50
Benjamin Tabor, labor, 1 day,	1 00
Moses Mann, labor, $3\frac{1}{10}$ days,	6 20
Charles Pope, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 00
Seth Mann, use of scraper,	75
S. W. Mann, plank,	75
William Campbell, repairing tools,	3 07
Anstin Roel and others, labor,	8 07
Sundry persons, bridge stone,	4 50
Ansel Mann, 176 loads gravel,	17 60
T. B. Howard, 133 loads gravel,	13 30
Ephraim Mann, 73 loads gravel,	7 30
Joshua Hunt, 26 loads gravel,	2 60
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	\$612 55

Included in the above, the sum of two hundred dollars was expended on Pond Street by vote of the town.

DISTRICT NO. 6, JOHN S. ABBOTT, *Surveyor*.

Paid John S. Abbott, labor with team, $2\frac{1}{5}$ days,	\$12 50
George W. Abbott, labor with team, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days,	3 25
Elbridge Jones, labor with team, $5\frac{3}{10}$ days,	17 40
Alfred Tucker, labor with team, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	36 50

Paid Ellis Tucker, labor with team, 1 day,	6 00
Rufus Jones, labor with team, 1 day,	3 50
Adam F. Jones, labor with team, 1 day,	3 00
C. H. Mann, labor with team, 1 day,	5 50
Frederick Miller, labor with two teams, 4 days,	28 00
John S. Abbott, labor, $24\frac{2}{3}$ days,	47 50
Rufus Jones, labor, $16\frac{1}{5}$ days,	30 10
John O'Keefe, labor, 3 days,	6 00
B. O'Keefe, labor, 3 days,	3 00
Michael McGrane, labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days,	6 50
Patrick McGrane, labor, 2 days,	3 00
James Sutton, labor, 3 days,	5 00
John Sutton, labor, 4 days,	8 00
James Blythe, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Caleb Tucker, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Anthony Abenzeller, labor, $8\frac{2}{3}$ days,	16 00
Walter Thayer, labor, 9 days,	13 25
Morris Kiley, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	14 75
Robert McAuliff, labor, 3 days,	6 00
Abraham Jones, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Augustus W. Tirrell, labor, 3 days,	4 50
Frederick Miller, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Henry Hayden, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Hiram Faunce, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Alfred Tucker, labor, $6\frac{3}{5}$ days,	12 85
Elbridge Jones, labor, 1 day,	1 50
Charles Eddy, labor, $4\frac{3}{10}$ days,	5 70
George W. Abbott, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	2 00
Sullivan Jones, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 75
Daniel Kiley, blasting rocks,	6 00
Thomas Fardy, labor,	6 60
Sundry persons, labor,	13 96
Guy Manson & Co., iron for railing,	4 36
L. R. Peterson, labor and material,	8 40

Paid N. H. Tirrell, labor,	8 00
Joseph Mann, 153 loads gravel,	7 65
Hiram Faunce, 95 loads gravel,	4 75
John O'Keefe, 224 loads gravel,	11 20
John Manning, 198 loads gravel,	9 90
C. H. Mann, bridge stone,	3 50
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	\$416 37

DISTRICT NO. 5, JEDEDIAH FRENCH, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, $10\frac{1}{5}$ days,	\$40 80
A. G. Swain, labor with team, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	18 80
Rufus A. Thayer, labor with team, 1 day,	5 00
Jedediah French, labor, $19\frac{7}{10}$ days,	41 65
Noah Chessman, labor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	23 00
Lewis Jones, labor, $17\frac{1}{5}$ days,	34 40
Silas Binney, labor, 8 days,	16 00
Daniel Lyons, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Martin L. Eddy, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Columbus Holbrook, labor, $2\frac{9}{10}$ days,	5 80
George W. Burrill, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
John Desmond, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
John Gill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Charles M. Holbrook, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
William Cunningham, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
Sundry persons, labor,	1 00
Royal S. Holbrook, 57 loads gravel,	5 70
Amasa Clark, 75 loads gravel,	7 50
Betsey Littlefield, 11 loads gravel,	1 10
Martin L. Eddy, 147 loads gravel,	14 70
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	\$246 65

DISTRICT NUMBER 10, EDSON M. ROEL, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, 11 days,	\$39 40
Ephraim Mann, labor with team, 7 days,	40 00
Josiah Clark, labor with team, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	33 00
A. G. Swain, labor with team, 1 day,	4 00
Royal T. Mann, labor with team, 3 days,	18 00
Jedediah French, labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days,	37 65
Edson M. Roel, labor, $13\frac{3}{10}$ days,	39 15
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $6\frac{2}{5}$ days,	13 20
Daniel Lyons, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15 00
Noah Chessman, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 11 days,	22 00
Patrick Flood, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Delazon D. Mann, labor, 6 days,	12 00
William Cunningham, labor, $11\frac{7}{10}$ days,	23 40
John Gill, labor, $12\frac{3}{5}$ days,	25 20
Leonard Thayer, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 00
John Cahill, labor, $2\frac{1}{10}$ days,	4 20
Patrick Cahill, labor, $2\frac{1}{10}$ days,	2 10
Patrick Feeney, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Michael O'Keefe, labor, 1 day,	2 00
George Pierce, labor, $3\frac{7}{10}$ days,	7 40
C. M. Holbrook, labor, 2 days,	4 00
John Desmond, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Columbus Holbrook, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Jonathan Hunt, labor, 1 day,	2 00
William H. Smith, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Sundry persons, labor,	8 45
Town farm, 256 loads gravel,	12 80
Belcher and Prescott, 410 loads gravel,	25 30
Philip Riley, 30 loads gravel,	1 50
Daniel Kiley, 72 loads gravel,	3 60
Patrick Clark, 12 loads gravel,	60
E. A. Allen, 8 loads gravel,	80

 \$437 75

DISTRICT NO. 8, TERRENCE DARGAN, *Surveyor*.

Paid Terrence Dargan, labor with team, 7 days,	\$28 00
Daniel Lahey, labor with team, 5 days,	20 00
James N. Bullock, labor with team, 4 days,	16 00
N. J. Dargan, labor with team, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	18 00
John Desmond, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Timothy M. O'Niel, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Patrick Feeney, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Terrence Dargan, labor, 4 days,	8 00
James F. Dargan, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 00
John Gill, labor, 5 days,	10 00
James Slowey, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15 00
Frank Boyle, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Austin Roel, labor on stone work,	9 00
Sundry persons picking stones,	11 40
Terrence Dargan, posts for railing,	3 25
John Long, 320 loads gravel,	32 00
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	\$219 65

DISTRICT NO. 8, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, $28\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$114 00
Abram G. Swain, labor with team, $12\frac{3}{10}$ days,	49 80
Daniel Leahy, labor with team, 2 days,	8 00
Martin P. Pike, labor with hands,	15 47
Jedediah French, labor, $25\frac{1}{2}$ days,	51 00
Lewis Jones, labor, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days,	49 00
William Cunningham, labor, 20 days,	40 00
Patrick Flood, labor, 25 days,	50 00
William Smith, labor, 11 days,	22 00
James Lyons, labor, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days,	19 00
Daniel Lyons, labor, 3 days,	6 00

Paid Michael Buckley, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 00
T. M. O'Niel, labor, 4 days,	8 00
John Desmond, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	11 00
Patrick Wren, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
John Cahill & Son, labor, 1 day,	3 00
George B. Dench, labor, 1 day,	2 00
John Gill, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Sundry persons, labor,	5 30
Margaret Donahue, 44 loads gravel,	4 40
Bradford L. Wales, 318 loads gravel,	31 80
John Long, 101 loads gravel,	10 10
Town farm, 56 loads gravel,	5 60
Mr. Murphy, 12 loads gravel,	1 20
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	\$524 67

NEW ROAD FROM MAIN TO WARREN STREET.

Paid Edward B. Bird, as per contract,	\$485 00
Edward B. Bird, extra work,	19 45
N. F. Roel, setting posts and stone work,	50 11
M. M. Alden, labor and material railing,	208 90
E. Beal, surveying, labor and cash paid,	64 55
William Campbell, iron posts for railing,	39 95
D. G. Corliss & Co., stone bounds,	8 00
Sundry bills for gravel, posts, and labor,	17 55
Heirs of Michael Kelly, land damage,	225 00
Royal W. Turner, land damage,	175 00
Old Colony Railroad Co., land damage,	600 00
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	\$1,893 51

Land damage awarded O. H. Leach of
\$60, and Seth T. King and wife of
\$500, has not been called for.

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid A. G. Swain and others,	\$24 55
Royal T. Mann, and others,	58 70
Caleb Tucker, and others,	49 70
Jackson Belcher, and others,	58 20
Jedediah French, and others,	40 70
Terrence Dargan, and others,	31 20
John Long, and others,	53 12
John S. Abbott, and others,	23 28
Prescott E. Wilbur, and others,	10 20
Edson M. Roel, and others,	5 79
Martin P. Pike,	4 30
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	\$359 74

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 56 funerals,	\$168 00
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STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account returned to the State),	\$2,563 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see report of engineers),	\$1,876 99
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ABATEMENT ON TAXES.

Paid Horatio B. Alden, Collector, 1874,	\$41 80
Edson M. Roel, Collector, 1875,	273 70
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	\$315 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Horatio B. Alden, Collector of Taxes, 1874, in part,	\$300 00
Town Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1875,	10 00
Engineers of Fire Department for services to May 1, 1875,	65 00
Nathaniel Howard, services as Sch. Com.,	210 00
M. A. Donovan, services as Sch. Com.,	86 00
J. E. O'Brien, A.M., services as Sch. Committee,	90 00
J. White Belcher, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, in- cluding cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275 00
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, As- sessor, and Overseer of the Poor, in- cluding cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275 00
James A. Tower, services as selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, in- cluding cash paid and expenses on Town business,	275 00
Wm. H. Warren, services as Constable,	25 00
Dr. T. T. Cushman, Physician to Board of Health,	70 00
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	\$1,681 00

FIRE INQUEST.

Paid James A. Tower, Magistrate,	\$60 00
John B. Thayer, Juror,	12 50
John Long, Juror,	12 50

Paid Edson M. Roel, Juror,	11 25
Henry P. Niles, Juror,	12 50
William E. Jewell, Juror and Clerk,	28 70
Henry Smith, Juror,	12 50
William H. Warren, Officer,	17 90
J. N. Bullock, teams,	4 00
Witnesses,	14 80
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	\$186 65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid James Harris & Co., printing 1,200 Town Reports,	\$185 23
James Harris, printing blanks, notices, &c.,	38 20
Grand Army Post 110, as per vote of Town,	100 00
Rockwell & Churchill, printing voting list, &c.,	37 50
H. C. Alden, copying town valuation for the State,	15 00
John Long, for snow plough,	23 00
Town of Randolph, for salt grass,	17 25
Special police for July 3, 4, 5, 6, 1875,	70 00
William H. Warren, Jun., night police,	84 00
William F. McMahon, night police,	84 00
C. A. Wales, stove and funnel for lock-up,	19 26
W. H. Smith, charcoal for lock-up,	8 00
D. H. Huxford, printing,	83 50
William Campbell, varnishing hearse,	18 00
A. J. Gove, express and cash paid,	17 35
Ephraim Mann, wood for Selectmen's room,	14 00
John G. Poole, postage,	6 75
J. White Belcher, insurance,	106 35
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	79 70
Royal W. Turner, insurance,	73 00

Paid J. N. Bullock, teams on Town business,	23 00
Colin Boyd, care of Selectmen's room,	27 07
John O'Keefe, wood, Selectmen's room,	3 00
Chas. H. Nichols, distributing Town reports,	2 50
J. T. Cartwright, distributing Town reports,	2 50
John Long, lumber for railing,	4 63
M. R. Warren, books and stationery,	26 65
G. A. Burrell & Drummond, labor on lock-up,	8 00
Comstock & Cline, Norfolk County Atlas,	10 00
Register of Deeds,	2 00
J. B. Rhines, lumber,	2 16
Sundry bills for services, &c.,	28 18
Doane & Greenough, books and stationery,	29 47
N. Noyes, Jun., labor and material,	8 00
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for County Commissioners and Town Officers,	23 25
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for guests at Dedication of Library building,	170 00
Union Quartette Club, services,	20 00
Randolph Brass Band,	50 00
Colin Boyd, care of Hall,	9 50
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	\$1,530 00

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ON the first day of May, 1875, Mr. Martin P. Pike was appointed Superintendent of the Almshouse, and the Overseers of the Poor take this opportunity to publicly express their approbation of the faithful and efficient manner in which he, as well as Mrs. Pike, the Matron, have discharged their respective duties since they have had the care and management of the institution. The whole number supported during the year ending March 1, 1875, was sixteen; for the year ending March 1, 1876, twenty-five; and while the number of inmates has largely increased over the previous year, the total expense for their support has largely diminished.

The general depression in business during the past year or more, and which still continues, has thrown many persons out of employment, who are unable to keep themselves and families from starvation without some assistance; and such persons have been furnished with supplies to a greater extent than usual, during the past year.

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1876 :—

Polly Copeland,	Emery Delano,
Eunice Delano,	* Thomas Stevens,
Betsy Eddy,	John D. Lahey,

* Refunded.

Ellen Kennedy,	* Garrett Noonan,
† Kate C. Curran,	† Joseph Hunt,
† Mrs. John Flayhive,	† James F. Ward,
Mary F. Veazie,	† Harry F. Ward,
Rowena Sylvester,	Clarence Veazie,
Catharine Condon,	Edward Barry,
Mary Barry,	John E. Mann,
Hannah Barry,	Patrick Fencer,
Peter Reardon,	John Fencer.
Keliah Kennedy,	

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMS- HOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Mace Gay, as superintendent, to May 1, 1875,	\$83 33
Martin P. Pike as superintendent to March 1, 1876,	416 67
T. J. Hill, groceries,	184 03
D. B. White & Co., groceries,	183 04
N. E. Buck, groceries,	14 35
P. H. Prior, fish,	14 10
Josiah Clark, meat,	106 43
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	166 05
J. White Belcher, grain and meal,	180 15
D. A. Brayton, flour,	42 00
N. Rosenfeld, clothing,	79 33
Joseph McMullen, clothing,	9 38
L. Hofferma, clothing,	10 54
Sidney French, shoes,	28 35
Thomas Devine, two shoats,	10 00
Heirs of William Cole, pasturage,	16 00
Israel P. Beal, washing machine,	8 00
Alfred Hale, rubber sheets,	5 00

* Refunded.

† Discharged.

Paid Aaron Mann, posts and rails,	2 78
William Cunningham, labor,	6 50
Leonard Thayer, labor,	4 50
L. R. Peterson, labor and material,	9 52
M. M. Alden, labor and material,	2 93
John B. Thayer, labor and material,	12 85
M. P. Pike, supplies and cash paid,	22 50
William Campbell, labor and material,	49 15
George Fowkes, repairing harness,	2 25
A. J. Gove, express and cash paid,	5 70
J. E. Nash, clock,	4 00
Sundry bills for support of poor,	15 00
C. A. Wales, repairs and supplies,	16 51
Franklin Porter, medicine,	6 85
Ephraim Mann, labor with team,	4 50
Dr. W. M. Babbitt, medical attendance,	19 25
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	17 00

\$1,758 54

Cr. by cash paid Treasurer, for labor, board, and produce sold, and bills due,	\$760 52
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Net expense of supporting poor in Almshouse,	\$998 02
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RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Packard, board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid Samuel Chessman, board,	\$156 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	4 50

\$160 50

STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Paid board and clothing, Triphena Niles,	\$160 41
board and clothing, Levi L. Holbrook,	194 15
board and clothing, Joseph Hunt,	28 65
board and clothing, John Carey,	33 00
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	\$416 21

STATE WORKHOUSE.

Paid board for James Forest,	\$52 00
Paid for Elias Cole,	\$15 00
Isaac Clark and family,	79 50
Lysander P. Holbrook and family,	12 38
Mrs. Patrick McKay,	10 00
Mrs. Asa Morton,	34 00
Nathan Hollis,	2 00
Jonathan W. Sylvester and family,	50 59
George M. Sylvester,	14 10
John Fencer,	13 25
Mrs. James Rielly,	10 25
Franklin Jones and family,	76 00
Rose Kenney and family,	13 50
John Welch and family,	39 00
Bradford W. Sylvester and family,	25 00
Mrs. Richard Carey and family,	118 20
John D. Lahey,	10 00
William Stetson,	64 75
James Holbrook,	20 00
Leonard Thayer,	7 00
Margaret Kennedy,	24 25
Mrs. William Grady and family,	160 45
Mrs. William Barry and family,	77 50
John Farquer and family,	89 50
Mrs. Cornelius Foley and family,	76 00
Sundry persons relief,	29 00
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	\$1,075 22

Total expense of supporting poor out of Alms-house,	\$1,803 53
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RELIEF OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Miles E. Pulsom, Boston,	\$20 00
Nelson Langley and family, Braintree,	10 50
Abel F. Farrington, Stoughton,	10 00
Kate C. Curran, Peabody,	13 00
Frederick A. Thayer, Milton,	20 00
Addison Faunce, Stoughton,	89 00
Edmund Burke, Foxborough,	45 50
Lucius H. Hollis, Holbrook,	138 00
Catharine Curtis, Holbrook,	120 00
Mrs. John Flayhive, Easthampton,	53 00
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	\$519 00

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.

Paid for Winfield S. Weathee,	\$17 50
Henry M. Thayer,	105 49
Stillman H. Leavitt,	8 00
Mrs. J. C. Buckley and family,	216 00
William Whitten,	10 00
Thomas Alexander,	5 00
Mary Mullins,	18 48
Ellen O'Gormon,	16 10
Albert Howard,	10 00
Frederick Hill,	10 00
Christianna Sloan and family,	152 00
Mrs. John E. Mann,	40 50
Mrs. William Taunt,	72 00

Paid for William H. Simpson and family,	67 25
Rose Murphy and family,	36 50
John Maloney and family,	74 44
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	\$859 26

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid William H. Warren for 922 tramps committed to lock-up,	230 50
D. B. White & Co., supplies for lock-up,	103 95
R. W. Turner, coal for lock-up,	17 00
Colin Boyd, care of room for tramps,	13 00
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	\$364 45

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1876, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

FRANK MORTON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
FRANKLIN PORTER,	
EDGAR HOWARD,	

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1876.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC.,

MARCH 1, 1876.

1 horse,	\$200 00
2 cows,	80 00
13 hens,	10 00
2 pigs,	50 00
12 tons hay,	200 00
1 horse cart,	65 00
1 farm wagon,	65 00
1 sled,	3 00
1 stone drag and chain,	5 00
3 harnesses,	25 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	1 00
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6 00
2 plows,	6 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
1 saw horse,	75
4 hoes,	1 25
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5 00
1 churn,	2 00
1 boiler,	2 00
60 bushels potatoes,	30 00
65 lbs. hard soap,	6 50

1½ barrels soft soap,	9 00
2 lbs. coffee,	50
4 lbs. chocolate,	2 00
¼ bushel beans,	40
30 gallons molasses,	15 00
20 lbs. sugar,	2 00
⅔ barrel flour,	6 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
18 navy blankets,	14 00
12 blue mixed blankets,	8 00
6 colored spreads,	6 00
4 comforters,	6 00
7 feather beds,	56 00
13 under beds,	20 00
34 single sheets,	15 00
9 double sheets,	5 00
23 pillow-cases,	10 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
15 towels,	2 00
Table-cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	15 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash barrel, sifter, hod, and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	25 00
6 flatirons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1 25
Steelyards,	1 50
Clothes-wringer,	5 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
4 cords wood,	22 00

2½ tons coal,	20 00
400 pounds pork,	35 00
Washing machine,	8 00
60 pounds lard,	6 00
5 pounds butter,	2 00
9 lamps,	4 50
15 flour barrels,	2 00
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	\$1,346 15

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1876.

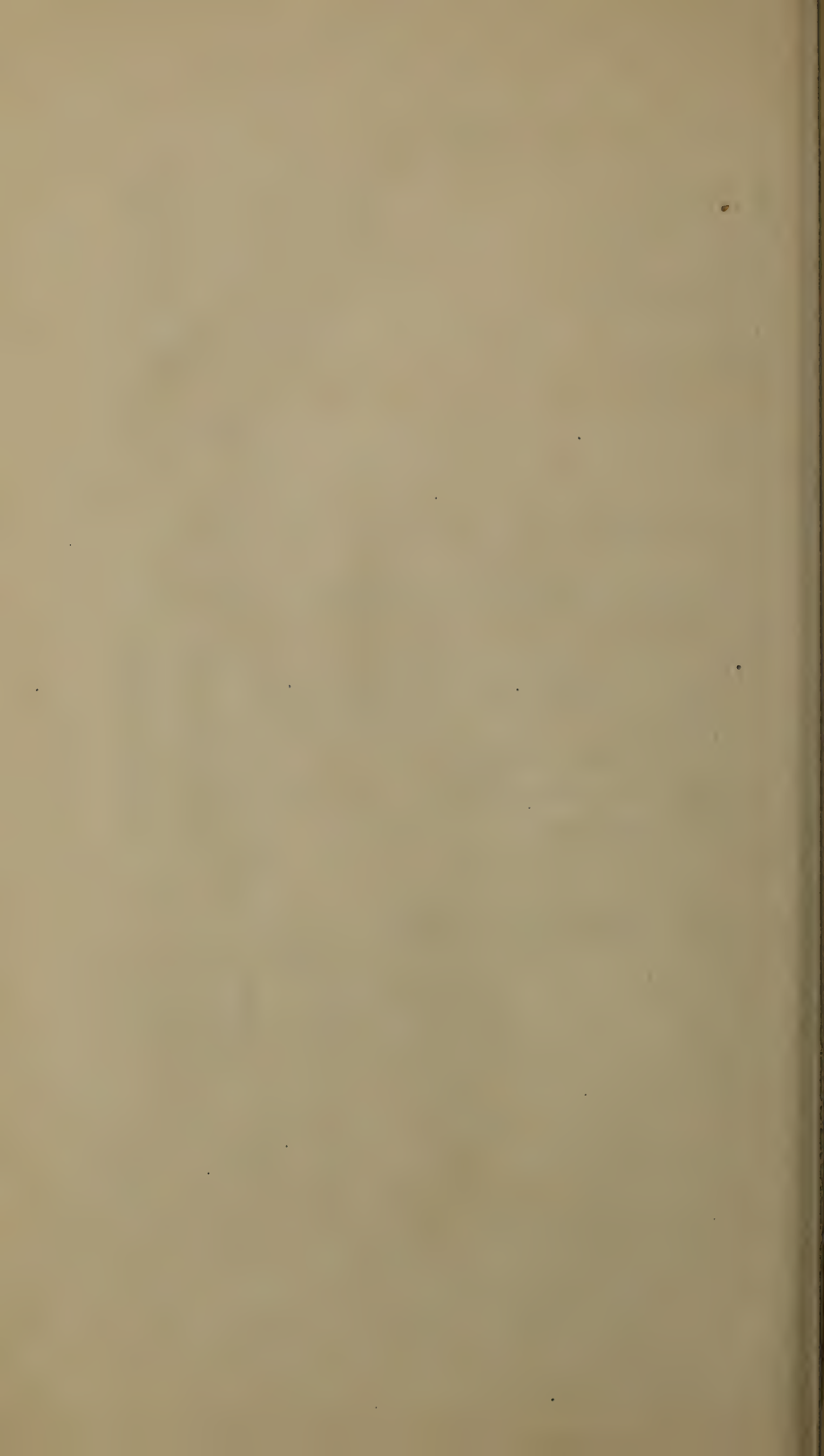
The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the Town : —

For Schools (see report of School Committee),	\$6,850 00
Repairs, furniture, and incidental expenses,	750 00
Highways,	3,000 00
General Town expenses,	8,000 00
Reduction of Town debt,	3,000 00
Fire Department,	1,800 00
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	\$23,400 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN T. FLOOD,	
JAMES A. TOWER,	

of
Randolph.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

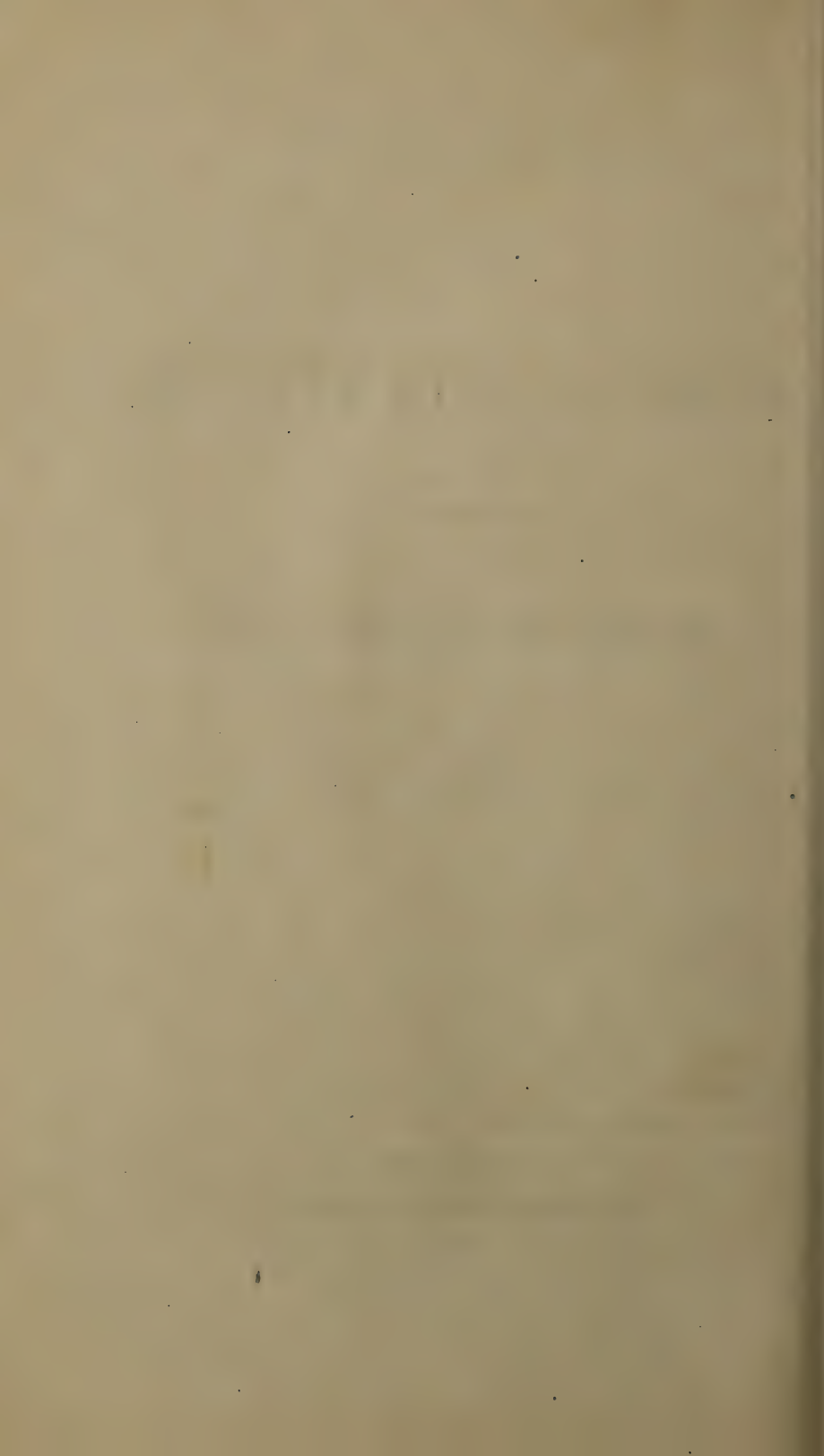
OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1875-76.



RANDOLPH:
NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTER.
1876.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN.

THIS being the Centennial year, the hundredth birthday of our national existence, the year which has been so eagerly expected, and for the glorious celebration of which such extensive preparations have been made, we sincerely trust it will be a marked year in the history of the schools of Randolph.

How natural it is for a child to welcome his birthday, and invite his companions to make merry? How natural for parents to rejoice on the birthdays of their children, and contribute some little present, cherished souvenirs of their love and affection? Nations are but children of the household we call the World, and if we cannot induce them all to attend our Centennial festivities, it will be because the paternal domain is too large, and the individual members too widely separated. No doubt the report of the school committee will be expected to be in harmony with the spirit of the times. The world is advancing in knowledge. Gigantic strides are being made annually in the sciences and fine arts, and we are expected to contribute our share to the cause of universal advancement. Our children are to be the future citizens of this great republic, and we ardently desire that every opportunity should be afforded them, of receiving a good, sound, practical education, in order to be well prepared for the important duties of after-life.

With these few preliminary remarks, the committee respectfully submit the following report: —

We will endeavor to give a brief account of each school, the buildings, surroundings, &c., hoping a report of this kind will be the one most acceptable to the majority of our citizens. First in order comes No. 1, situated in the southern part of the town, nearest to the village of East Stoughton. The building is pleasantly located. The grounds, though hardly spacious enough for recreation, are supplemented by large tracts of land, apparently never touched by the share of the husbandman, and affording a fine opportunity for the study of "nature unadorned." Here the youthful scholar, like the opening bud just beginning to expand its tender leaves, may imbibe true knowledge from the book of Nature, which with

" One impulse from the vernal wood
 May teach him more of man,
 Of moral evil and of good,
 Than all the sages can."

The description we give of No. 1, is alike applicable to many of the other schools. In their vicinity may be found variety of hill and dale, sunny plots and shady haunts, grassy lawns, and groves of variegated beauty. Formerly there were two schools in No. 1, the building being well adapted for the same, as it is two stories high, and otherwise large enough for a good-sized room on each floor. Now one room is found sufficient to accommodate the wants of this district, and in consequence the room on the lower floor remains unoccupied.* Sometimes, however, the present school numbers more than it should, because scholars living nearer the central district attend here. Former committees allowed the children this privilege, no doubt acting in accordance with the then existing circumstances. But whatever may have been the occasion here-

tofore, we are decidedly of the opinion, that the necessity of granting this privilege no longer exists. We wish therefore to have it distinctly understood, that in future all those children who live in District No. 2, will be expected to attend that school. We are convinced this will be for the best interests of all, and hope the parents will co-operate with us in this regard. Miss M. W. Boyd taught here the greater part of the year, but resigned before the end of the term. To finish out the term, we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. George O. Smith. Many of the children here have good abilities, and are all pretty well advanced for their age. Some few have not been as well behaved as we could desire, but we expect an improvement in the time to come. A few weeds sometimes destroys the appearance of an otherwise beautiful garden. When the weeds are removed, beauty is restored. The time may come when we will have two schools in good standing in this building; but unless the town and times improve more rapidly than present appearances warrant us to suppose, we must set that period in the far-off future.

Number 2, more familiarly known by the title of the "Central District," occupies a position in which we would naturally expect to find good schools, large schools, and a great number of schools; and, in fact, we are not disappointed by the absence of any of these characteristics. It contains two large buildings, and no less than eight schools, — four in each, — all full of life, and hurrying on through their various stages of transmigration the objects of their solicitude. There are also three other rooms, that might be utilized if the number of schools required it, one in the basement of the "*old building*," as it is called, and two in the Prescott School. The latter are excellent rooms, but we could ill spare but one of them, as we have appropriated the other for an office for the school-com-

mittee. We also keep here, under the care of Mr. West, all the books used by the children. For the experience of other towns, and our own thus far, has convinced us of certain advantages it possesses over other methods of supplying books.

The "old building" is occupied by four schools, all primary, averaging about one hundred and ninety scholars. The first is taught by Miss Isabelle G. Driscoll, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School. She has been in charge nearly two years, and has accomplished a great deal. Her school numbers about sixty members. She has devoted to it such assiduous care, that we have been loath to transfer her to a higher school, which might be considered more honorable, but which would be far less difficult and burdensome.

In the Second Primary, Miss Mary E. Wren, a graduate of the Stetson High School, has just completed her first term. As a teacher, she has toiled hard, and with good success, taking great interest in the advancement of her scholars, who have accordingly improved in order and application. We feel convinced, she promises to become a very efficient worker in the school-room. The Third Primary is a very compact little school, somewhat crowded, however, on account of the desks being placed too near together, when they were removed from another room. But this very compactness is suggestive of the perfect control of the teacher, and the union of interests existing between herself and the children. Miss Katie E. Sheridan has had the school in charge two terms. She is a native of Randolph, and before teaching here, manifested more than ordinary self-reliance, by applying for, and obtaining, a school in the town of Holliston. She taught there to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, who gave her the best recommendations, and expressed great regret on losing so valuable a teacher. We cheerfully add our testimony

to theirs, and hope the day will be far distant that will sever her connection with our public schools.

The Fourth Primary is Miss Emma D. Stetson's school, who has been teaching in the lower rooms of this building a number of years, and is a graduate of the Stetson High School. At the commencement of last term, being promoted to this school, many of the scholars were very troublesome, and between them and the teacher there was a much-contested field. Some of the children preferred their own whims to the discipline of the school, but the teacher, making no compromise, at length succeeded in compelling the malcontents to yield. Now they are as docile and studious as could be expected, many of them being prepared to pass to the next higher grade.

The Prescott School takes the scholars from the "old building," and, by successive steps, at last brings them to Mr. West's room, where they are supposed to spend two years, and which terminates their common school career. Those of ordinary ability, are expected to advance a room each year, but many, alas! like weary and disheartened travellers, tarry so long by the way-side, as never to reach the wished-for goal. And how does this happen? It is not so much on account of any great diversity of talent, as on account of the irregularity of attendance, and the lack of proper encouragement on the part of parents. This encouragement by parents we regard as one of the essentials of a well-regulated school. But perhaps some may say, do not all parents rejoice at their children's progress? Are they not anxious that their children should be well-educated, in order to prepare for the busy scenes of after-life? Do they not make many sacrifices to secure this precious boon? We admit, that for the great majority of parents, these questions may all be answered in the affirmative. But, on the other hand, we would simply ask if it looks like proper encouragement, for many parents

to allow their children to be absent half days and half weeks at a time, for very trivial causes, to give them particular instructions to come home when school is half over, to send them late day after day, and always to suppose that the children's accounts of school matters are all right, and every-body else's all wrong? We sincerely hope some of the parents will ponder well over these matters, and endeavor, for the future, to do a little more towards the encouragement of order and discipline in our schools.

The Second Intermediate, with which the Prescott School commences, is taught by Mrs. A. E. Upham, a teacher of long experience, and marked ability. The children, though not so numerous as last year, have been well and carefully instructed, and are bright and very ambitious of promotion. The examination papers show a great improvement over any thing we had from them before. This is the first school we require to pass written examinations.

The First Intermediate is taught by Miss Annie Veazie, a graduate of Stetson High School, and a teacher of much experience and practical skill. A visit to this school any time after work has commenced, convinces one that discipline and good order are the rules, and not the exceptions. The majority of the children here have made good progress during the year. Some few, however, as if to prove the truth of the rule about exceptions, have done as near nothing as they well could, and have been only a drag to the others. To promote them would be like offering a reward for laziness, and a little longer rest by the wayside, will give them more strength, when they are ready to resume their onward journey. Another step brings us to the Sub-Grammar School, in care of Miss Sarah E. Shankland, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, who has taught more years in Randolph than any other teacher.

Number of years, with the responsibilities of one profession, has not at all induced remissness in the performance of duty, as is so apt to be the case with all classes, in the different avocations of life. The attendance of many of the children has been very intermittent, which, added to the fact that the number has been smaller, and not quite so well matured, the whole as a school will hardly bear the close scrutiny it otherwise might. Indeed, the tendency is somewhat similar to that of ordinary years getting ahead of the sun, which renders it necessary to throw in an extra day once in a while. The children are, also, as they pass from one grade to another, getting a little ahead of time in regard to the rooms, but not in the standing of those who preceded them. The difference is hardly perceptible in the lower, but is readily detected in the upper rooms. The remedy seems to be the same as astronomers employ; viz., to throw in an extra term occasionally. This measure would be as beneficial in the proper regulation of the school as of the year.

Mr. West is in the Grammar School, and stands in such high repute, that many think their children, by spending two years here, obtain education enough to meet all the wants of ordinary positions in life. Perhaps the most prominent feature of this school, which must be readily perceived by all who visit it, is the close attention and great diligence of both teacher and pupils. Many of our other schools would be benefited if modelled after it. For, where each scholar is kept constantly employed, many unpleasant altercations are avoided, and the pernicious fruits of indolence unknown. Generally there are two respectable classes, one in its first, the other in its second year. For most of the present year, nearly all the scholars in this room were members of the second class, there being only two members in the first class. This circumstance, however, operated greatly to the advantage of the school, as

it gave the scholars the benefit of the constant and undivided attention of the teacher.

The next District we meet is No. 4, though not the number we naturally look for on parting No. 2. We suppose the reason for this is, because the ordinal arrangement of our districts was broken up, when the town was divided. It has but one building, which is quite large, capable of accommodating four schools, the number kept there up to the present time. Miss Cora F. May, teacher of the First Primary School, has just finished a second term with better success, we believe, than any one who had it previously in charge. This school does not continue uninterruptedly like the others, but comes into requisition from time to time, depending for its existence on the attendance in the next higher school, to which it serves as an outlet.

The next is Miss Antoinette T. Smith's school. Though not a graded school, it is to all intents and purposes, as well arranged, classified, and cared for, as a graded school could be; for Miss Smith has such individual and original tact and skill for order, that she readily discovers anomalies, and applies appropriate remedies instinctively; and for like reasons her school is one of the very best in town. Miss Alice A. Smith holds the next position, her school ranging to suit the particular wants of the district, from Sub-Grammar inclusive, through First and Second Intermediate. Like the former school we look upon it as being almost as good as a graded school. It has but three classes, and nearly all the graded schools find it necessary to have two divisions. We have not another school that will bear so severe a test as this, in regard to the regularity of attendance, and perfect acquaintance with the studies pursued. The room is not over spacious, and has, many times during the year, been tried to its utmost capacity. This is owing to the plan of the building, which gives to the upper room as much space as both the lower rooms,

and was, perhaps, in keeping with the wants of the times in which it was built ; but at present it does not seem the best arrangement. A small room renders it easier for the teacher to keep strict watch over the children, but is difficult to keep properly heated and ventilated, while a very large room, is not without faults in the other extreme. The rooms in the Prescott building, as regards dimensions, come nearer the proper size than any we have in town.

The fourth and last school in this building is a grammar school, and has been in care of Mr. A. N. Fuller since the beginning of the Fall term. Mr. Fuller is a graduate of Harvard College, and was chosen from twenty-three applicants, who responded to our advertisement last August, and underwent an examination. He has materially improved the condition of the school. The only trouble seems to arise from the smallness of the number in attendance. Indeed, the question sometimes presents itself, what should be done, if this number should grow any less ? It is hardly prudent to keep a school at great expense for a small number of scholars, that, perhaps, might be accommodated as well elsewhere. We will wait, however, and see how the recruits come forward, hoping they may increase the present number.

No. 3 is the district that imparts knowledge to the rising talent of what is known as West Corner. It has for a teacher Miss Anne M. Wilde, who also studied at Bridgewater Normal School, and is an able worker in her present position. We have not many Normal School graduates employed as teachers ; but if we can judge of all by those we know, we think, with many others, those who propose to teach would do well to attend the Normal School. Last year quite a respectable class, both in numbers and standing, were admitted to the Grammar School, most of whom have continued under Mr. Fuller's instruction, and show they had been previously well trained.

The building, at one time, had two schools; but, like No. 1, the second outgrew its usefulness. The building is not so good as some of the others. The lowness of the ceiling detracts much from its interior appearance. If we could in any way take in part of the other room (for both are on the same floor), it would be a great improvement. But, as no one complains, we do not purpose making any alteration for the present.

To get to the building belonging to District No. 5, we must go away down North Street. The teacher is Miss Isabelle C. Beal, who, we believe, has been employed there ever since she began to teach. She is a graduate of Stetson High School, and seems to do her utmost to promote the best interests of the children. The children, however, do not all show so great a desire as we could wish to correspond, and, while they have an opportunity, to cull those flowers of thought, whose beauty never fades, and to whose fragrance, time only adds a redolence, ever dearer and sweeter. The building is well located, and one of the best we have for a single school.

Tower Hill District is No. 6. It still maintains its two schools, in spite of the changes brought about by the abolition of the old district school system. Miss Emma H. King, also a graduate of Stetson High School, has taught the Primary School, which is ungraded, some years with good results.

Miss Sarah V. Wilde is teacher of the Intermediate school. She has also taught here a period of years, and given satisfaction. If there is any school in town that shows more than another what we have alluded to above, of the children's grade having a tendency to outstrip their age and acquirements, it is this. The building occupies a site well adapted for school purposes. It is in pretty fair condition, much after the architectural style of No. 1.

With a few remarks on topics of general interest, we

conclude our report for 1876. We cannot altogether coincide with those who do not see the propriety of having maps hung around the school-room, and think their banishment must have been brought about by improved facilities for publishing the same. And the plea brought forward is, the children can acquire the skill of map-drawing so easily, there is no need of having these parallelograms, so typical of the old-style school, suspended from the walls. This reminds us of the artist, who would not allow beautiful paintings to adorn his parlor, because he possessed the skill of producing them at will. Besides, when we consider how greatly the study of geography is promoted by an intimate acquaintance with the location of places, and that maps are almost our only mediums for conveying this knowledge, that school-life is too short, and other branches too important, to neglect for geography, such important aids as maps, we think, should always be found on the walls of our school-rooms.

We think the town should be congratulated on possessing a very efficient corps of teachers. They have toiled hard during the past year, and we hope will continue their good work with unabated diligence during our centennial year. We desire that SUNSHINE should be an essential element in the school-life of the children; that good manners and good morals should enter into their very being; and we think our citizens should regard any expense as small, which secures to their children such lasting and beneficial results.

DRAWING.

The law of our State makes the art of drawing a *required* study in all the schools of the Commonwealth. It has already been quite generally introduced throughout the State. If we would not be behind other towns in this

respect, and deprive *our* children of advantages that *they* enjoy, let us comply with this requirement of our statutes, and at once give the study of this useful branch of education to our children in the schools. The committee have accordingly decided that, hereafter, drawing shall form a part of the study in all our schools. All teachers and pupils will be expected to conform to this rule.

No teacher need be dismayed at this; for any one who is competent to teach school, can teach drawing. Prof. Walter Smith, Director of Art Education for Massachusetts, has prepared a series of drawing-cards and books for Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and High Schools; each series being accompanied by a Teacher's Manual, giving all needed instructions. Our teachers, by giving proper attention to the subject, with the aid of these manuals, will find no serious difficulty in teaching drawing. Each teacher's table will be furnished with the manual, and scholars will be supplied with an outfit at introduction prices. The expense for each scholar will be trifling. All arrangements will be made at the opening of the spring term.

At the opening of the Fall term the committee decided to furnish the scholars with their books; and, in accordance with this decision, placed a small stock, which has been replenished from time to time in the Prescott House, under the charge of its faithful and efficient teacher, T. H. West, who has dispensed them as they were called for, from day to day holding each teacher responsible for every book received into his or her school; and at the close of each term the teacher is presented with a bill, and called upon to make payment, — the money passing through the hands of the committee into the town treasury.

The result has proved satisfactory thus far, giving parents and guardians, and the tax-payers the advantage of a discount that they have not hitherto been favored with; and we hope the plan may be continued so long as

it may be properly looked after, and the interests of the town guarded.

Amount of bills for books purchased since Sept. 1, 1875		\$342 00
Cash received and paid into Town Treasury	\$167 79	
Books on hand	141 51	309 30
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Cost of books furnished to poor chil- dren, and for the desks,		\$32 70

By the census return last May, the whole number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, was 901. Of these, our School Registers give as the greatest number in attendance at any one time, 707; and the greatest average attendance of this number 585, not including those who attend Stetson High School.

The number attending under five years of age was fourteen; and the number over fifteen years was seventeen. The cost to the town of each registered scholar was about \$11.50.

There were employed in the schools during the year twenty-one different teachers; and the average length of time to each school was 9 and $\frac{6}{17}$ th months.

We have made only needed repairs upon our school-houses the past year; but have been obliged to increase the pay of teachers in a few instances, and have established one additional school; yet have been so fortunate as to keep within the appropriation, so willingly and promptly voted us last spring, and show a surplus (after adding the money from the State, and the small amount from town funds) of more than two hundred dollars.

For the year ensuing we would recommend the following appropriations: —

For Teaching	\$6,000 00
Fuel	450 00
Care of rooms	400 00
Incidental	750 00
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	\$7,600 00

NATHANIEL HOWARD,	} <i>School</i>
M. A. DONNOVAN,	
JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.,	

Committee.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1875-76.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
A. N. Fuller, 6½ months,	537 50
Walter Hoxie, 3 months,	292 50
G. O. Smith, 4 weeks,	48 00
Mrs. A. E. Upham, 38 weeks,	342 00
Miss Sarah E. Shankland, 1 year,	450 00
Miss Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	250 00
Miss Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	250 00
Miss Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	238 00
Miss A. L. White, 13 weeks,	112 00
Miss Isabel C. Beal, 38 weeks,	253 00
Miss S. V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	300 00
Miss Anne M. Wilde, 38 weeks,	304 00
Miss Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	350 00
Miss Antoinette T. Smith, 38 weeks,	325 00
Miss Nellie F. Thayer, 26 weeks,	182 00
Miss Margaret W. Boyd, 35 weeks,	252 00
Miss Annie Veazie, 38 weeks,	351 00
Miss Katie E. Sheridan, 25 weeks,	200 00
Miss Cora F. May, 25 weeks,	100 00
Miss Mary E. Wren, 13 weeks,	65 00
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	\$6,202 00
Paid appropriation for Stetson High School,	\$1,000 00

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., 35 tons coal,	\$383 75
R. T. & E. M. Mann, wood,	7 50
Royal T. Mann, wood,	18 75
William H. Smith, charcoal,	36 30
Sundry persons, cutting wood,	14 25
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	\$460 55

* CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$205 00
Lawrence Ormsby, *	57 45
Galen Hollis,	54 00
Charles Piper,	20 20
Clarence Beal,	22 50
Charles E. Bump,	20 45
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	\$379 60

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS ON SCHOOL-
HOUSES, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ginn Brothers, school-books,	\$ 35 02
J. L. Hammett, school-books, pens, maps, &c.,	181 27
Potter, Ainsworth, & Co., school-books,	66 60
Knight, Adams, & Co., school-books,	32 40
Brewer & Tileston, school-books,	65 05
Franklin Porter, school-books,	28 31
Annie Veazie, school-books,	1 80
A. C. Stockin, school-books,	5 23
Carter, Rice, & Co., paper,	17 90
D. B. White & Co., dusters, brooms, &c.,	35 06
R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	75 25
W. G. Shattuck, furniture,	38 50

Paid James F. Dargan, taking census of children,	15 00
Lincoln & Hopkinson, mats, brooms, pails, and brushes,	23 50
D. H. Huxford, printing,	29 00
G. H. & C. Prescott, paper and pails,	1 70
J. B. Rhines, lumber,	23 64
Winslow Alden, labor and material,	86 16
John S. Abbott, labor grading school-house yards,	34 26
Jedediah French, labor grading school- house yards,	30 87
C. A. Wales, stoves and repairs,	83 53
James E. Nash, call bells,	6 43
A. W. Wheeler, chair cushions,	15 00
Margaret Riley, cleaning houses,	26 00
Mrs. William Shields, cleaning houses,	7 00
Mrs. Moses Mann, cleaning houses,	3 50
Patrick Feeney, labor,	14 40
Mrs. William Grady, labor,	5 50
Maynard & Noyes, ink,	3 00
N. Howard, fares and expenses in procur- ing teachers,	4 30
J. B. Thayer, labor and material,	5 50
A. J. Gove, express, and cash paid,	18 09
R. Houghton, repairing settees,	19 50
R. T. Mann, labor and material,	1 97
Ephraim Wales, grading yard,	1 25
Walter M. Howard, labor,	1 00
William Campbell, repairs,	1 00
William D. Barrows, use of well,	3 00
John Wales, use of well, three years,	13 00
Lawrence Hayes, use of well,	3 00
George W. Jones, use of well,	3 00
Patrick Feeney, use of well,	6 00

\$1,071 49

Included in the above is cash refunded to Town

Treasurer, on account of school-books sold,	\$167 79
Stock of books on hand,	141 51
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	\$309 30

TOTAL EXPENSE FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,202 00
appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,000 00
fuel,	460 55
care of schoolrooms,	379 60
incidental expenses,	1,071 49
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Total,	\$9,113 64

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL HOWARD, <i>Chairman</i> ,	} <i>School</i>
M. A. DONNOVAN,	
JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.,	
	<i>Committee.</i>

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

The Stetson School Fund of ten thousand six hundred dollars (\$10,600) remains invested in the following banks ; viz. : —

10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Hide & Leather Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Shoe & Leather Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Exchange Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Boylston Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 shares Tremont Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20 shares Old Boston Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13 shares Shawmut Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13 shares Randolph Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
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	\$10,600

The annexed financial account furnishes a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures for the current year : —

The school commenced April 19, 1875, under the charge of Mr. V. H. Deane, as principal, and Miss Amelia M. Clifton, as assistant, with a membership of seventy-three scholars, — thirty-four boys and thirty-nine girls, — fifty of whom were admitted upon written examination at that time. At the commencement of the fall term six others — one boy

and five girls — were admitted, under Article 2d of the By-Laws, being found qualified, upon written examination, to enter existing classes, they filling the room to its utmost seating capacity. The average attendance for the year has been $68\frac{3}{10}$, and the school has been in session two hundred days, or forty school weeks.

The death of Hannah E. Leahey, a promising member of the first class, occurred on the sixteenth of September last, causing much sorrow in the school, and is here alluded to with feelings of regret and sympathy.

The Trustees deem it but just to say that the teachers have labored with faithfulness and untiring industry in the discharge of their duties, and that commendable progress has been made by the pupils in the studies pursued.

The attention of the parents and friends of the pupils is again called to the duty of more frequently visiting the school, that they may become personally acquainted with its condition, and thereby render that encouragement to both pupils and teachers which such manifestation of interest would afford. This the Trustees feel they have a right to demand from those whose interest they are laboring to subserve, and indulge the hope that their wishes in the matter may not go unheeded in the future, as has been almost entirely the case in the past. The practice of the most rigid economy has not enabled the Trustees to carry on the school, and meet the demands for the proper care of Stetson Hall and other necessary expenses, from the resources at their command, by nearly one hundred dollars, from the fact that these have been less productive than usual. The dividends upon some of the stocks have diminished, and the removal of the Randolph Bank from our rooms has entirely cut off that source, they still remaining unoccupied, whilst the receipts for the use of Stetson Hall have been much less than formerly.

The previous school year closed under disadvantages

arising from a balance of nearly four hundred dollars against the treasury, as shown by the report of that year, which the town, at its last annual meeting, liberally undertook to provide for by an appropriation of one thousand dollars, believing that sum sufficient to cover the deficit and meet the demands of the school for the then ensuing year. This belief, we regret, has not been fully realized for reasons already given.

The Trustees do not believe it possible to properly conduct a school of this size and grade for a less sum than has been expended in the present instance, and, having nothing upon which to base expectations of a larger income from their other resources than has been realized the past year, but rather the certainty that it will be considerably diminished, they respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, to the end that no embarrassment may arise in carrying on the school for the best interest of the town. The school for the ensuing year will open April 10, at 9 o'clock, A.M., when applicants will be examined.

SIDNEY FRENCH,	}	<i>Trustees Stetson School Fund.</i>
CHAS. H. HOWARD,		
DANIEL HOWARD,		

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1876.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH

		DR.		
1875.				
March.	To balance of old account	.	.	\$10 07
April.	Six months' dividend of Exchange National Bank	.	.	\$60 00
	" " " Shoe and Leather National Bank	.	.	45 00
	" " " Hide and Leather National Bank	.	.	30 00
	" " " Boylston National Bank	.	.	50 00
	" " " Eliot National Bank	.	.	40 00
	" " " Old Boston National Bank	.	.	40 00
	" " " Webster National Bank	.	.	30 00
	" " " Tremont National Bank	.	.	40 00
	" " " Shawmut National Bank	.	.	52 00
	" " " Randolph National Bank	.	.	78 00
				<hr/> \$465 00
Sept. 14.	Town appropriation	.	.	\$1,000
Oct.	Six months' dividend of Exchange National Bank	.	.	\$60 00
	" " " Shoe and Leather National Bank	.	.	30 00
	" " " Hide and Leather National Bank	.	.	30 00
	" " " Boylston National Bank	.	.	50 00
	" " " Eliot National Bank	.	.	40 00
	" " " Old Boston National Bank	.	.	40 00
	" " " Webster National Bank	.	.	30 00
	" " " Tremont National Bank	.	.	35 00
	" " " Shawmut National Bank	.	.	52 00
	" " " Randolph National Bank	.	.	78 00
				<hr/> \$435 00
	Cash for use of Hall and Bank-room for the year			\$178 00
	Amount of tax refunded by State	.	.	201 97
	Balance against the fund	.	.	73 53

THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1875.			
April 16.	By paying for policy of insurance, Quincy Co.	\$36 00	
"	" " Lowell Co.	41 00	
"	" " Norfolk Co.	31 00	
June.	Bill, S. French, for charcoal.	2 00	
	C. Boyd, for sundries	1 80	
	E. A. Perry, for sundries	14 81	
	D. H. Huxford, for printing.	1 00	
	Charles Higgins, for painting	10 00	
	F. M. Tyler, salary, \$227.50; sundries, \$1.12	228 62	
	Arthur W. Alden, for care of room	13 50	
	C. W. Howard, for sundries.	18 00	
July 1.	V. H. Deane, three months' salary	300 00	
1.	Miss Clifton, nine weeks' salary	108 00	
Sept. 6.	C. Boyd, for sundries	5 85	
	P. Reynolds, for use of organ twelve months	24 00	
July 2.	C. Boyd, for care of room	13 50	
Sept.	R. W. Turner & Co., eleven tons coal	94 25	
Oct. 1.	V. H. Deane, three months' salary, \$300; sundries, \$5.70	305 70	
Nov.	Miss Clifton, twelve weeks' salary	144 00	
Nov.	C. Boyd, care of room, and sundries	23 15	
Nov.	W. H. Smith, charcoal	8 33	
1876.			
Jan.	V. H. Deane, three months' salary, \$300; sundries, \$16.50	316 50	
	Charles A. Wales	29 56	
	F. A. Stanley	3 75	
Feb.	J. E. Nash	1 00	
March.	Benjamin Belcher, Oct. 27, 1875	29 15	
March.	J. B. Thayer	9 75	
	School Committee	2 00	
	Frank Porter	14 66	
	Colin Boyd	19 15	
	Miss Clifton's salary, seventeen weeks	204 00	
	D. B. White & Co.	9 54	
	V. H. Deane, salary, three months	300 00	
	Trustees and secretary, for services one year	20 00	
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		\$2,383 57	

SETH TURNER, Sec.

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1876.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Randolph, certify that they have examined the accounts of "The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund," as before reported, and find them correct. The balance appears against the fund to the amount of seventy-three and 53-100 dollars. The investment remains as stated by the Trustees, in bank-stock, amounting, at par value, to \$10,600; the certificates being in due form and in the hands of the Secretary.

J. WHITE BELCHER, } *Selectmen*
JOHN T. FLOOD, } *of*
JAMES A. TOWER, } *Randolph.*

STATE OF THE TREASURY MARCH 1, 1876.

DR.

5	Notes to Commonwealth		\$25,000 00
1	Randolph Savings Bank		5,000 00
1	Turner Library		5,000 00
6	Patrick McMahon		3,400 00
1	Lemuel Wentworth		1,600 00
1	Ebenezer Moulton		900 00
1	P. E. Wilbur		500 00
1	George H. Nichols		200 00
1	Jeptha Howard		2,000 00
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			\$43,600 00
	Estimated amount interest due		260 00
	“ “ bills unpaid		140 00
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	Amount of		\$44,000 00
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	Value of Randolph National Bank Stock (8 shares)		1,600 00
	“ Salt Marsh (Quincy)		500 00
	Balance Tax, 1874 (H. B. Alden, col.)		349 16
	“ “ 1875 (E. M. Roel, col.)		1,271 51
	“ in Treasurer's hands		13,608 92
	State aid due		4,000 00
	Amount of R. Adams note and interest		759 45
	“ “ school books in hands of S. S. Com.		141 51
	Estimated amount due from towns and individuals		150 00
	Balance		21,619 45
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			\$44,000 00

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH

DR.

Paid Treasury Notes	\$10,000 00
Sundry Town Orders	28,189 18
Interest on Treasury Notes	2,961 83
National Bank Tax	2,804 57
State Tax	3,140 00
Corporation Tax	89 85
Turner Library (Dog Money, 1874, vote of Town)	430 37
Expenses: Treasurer's salary, \$100; Town Clerk, collecting and recording Births, Deaths, and Marriages; Sexton returning Deaths, and Stationery, &c., \$97.85	197 85
Bank Stock	\$800 00
Note Receivable	700 00
Balance Tax, 1874	349 16
" " 1875	1,271 51
Cash Orders, Bills, &c.	13,608 92
Balance	10,729 59
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	\$64,543 24

HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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Balance	\$13,926 10
Received for Treasury Notes issued	5,000 00
Tax Bill, 1875	31,770 22
Bank Dividends	96 00
Salt Grass	17 25
Dog License	412 40
Liquor Licenses	862 50
Circus Licenses	20 00
State School Fund	345 70
Corporation Tax	2,073 15
State Aid	3,000 00
Bill refunded	8 00
School Books sold	167 79
Town of Easthampton, pauper	71 50
National Bank Tax	4,685 02
City of Boston, pauper	163 00
Town of Stoughton, pauper	89 00
Grafton, pauper	1 00
Abington, pauper	7 00
Foxboro, pauper	45 50
Milton, pauper	20 00
Town Farm	631 22
Town of Holbrook, annual settlement	643 72
Braintree, pauper	100 00
Peabody, pauper	94 85
State Aid overdrawn	292 32
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	\$64,543 24

The subscribers, Auditors of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Randolph for the year ending March 1, 1876, have examined the Accounts of HIRAM C. ALDEN, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched with suitable entries.

FRANKLIN PORTER,	} Auditors.
FRANK MORTON,	
EDGAR HOWARD,	

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1876.

TURNER LIBRARY.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Randolph.

GENTLEMEN, — The third article of the By-Laws for the government of the Library provides that the president of the Trustees shall annually make to the town a report in writing of the condition of the trust, which embraces the building, library, and fund. In accordance with this requirement the first annual report is herewith submitted.

First. — The building needs no other notice than that it is in good order, occupied by the tenants heretofore contemplated, and meets the expectations of the friends of the enterprise, and the public generally.

Second. — The Library, from various causes (and its preparation proving more of a labor than had been anticipated), was not put in operation as early as expected. It is thought, however, that before the Town Reports are distributed, books will be ready for delivery. The main hall has been furnished with cases equal to the wants of some years to come, and suitable furniture ordered or supplied for library work. The reading-room will, doubtless, be opened the present month. The professional gentlemen of the library committee (Messrs. Labaree, Foster, O'Brien, and Jewell) have been untiring in their efforts, devoting much time to the work of inauguration, evincing on their part, and that of Mr. Foster, jun., of the Hyde Park Library, an ability in the selection of books which entitles them to the hearty appreciation of their services,

which will be awarded by the public deriving advantages from well-chosen volumes. The purpose of the committee has been to establish the character of the library as of merit and solidity, at the same time supplying the shelves liberally with works of fiction which will prove unobjectionable. Whatever defects or deficiencies experience may discover can be amended in the future from a regular income, and such reasonable appropriations as the town may make. The whole number of volumes at the date of this report is a little more than three thousand, a large proportion of liberal cost. In this connection the Trustees desire to communicate to the town the generous donation of about seven hundred valuable volumes by the Randolph Reading-room Association.

Third. — The Fund. After paying for the building and its outfit, ten thousand dollars of the original donation of fifty thousand dollars remained to be used in preparing library and reading-rooms, purchasing furniture, the supply of books, periodicals, newspapers, &c. Of this sum about one-half will be expended for the purposes named, leaving, it is hoped, intact five thousand dollars, now invested in a note of the town of Randolph to aid in its income future additions. With this receipt, rents, and such town aid as already indicated, the Trustees are confident liberal annual supplies may be made to reading facilities. In the next annual report a minute statement of the treasurer's account should be made, the incomplete transactions rendering it inexpedient at this time.

As soon as a carefully prepared catalogue can be furnished, the Trustees will offer it at cost price, so that every person can at leisure become familiar with the library contents.

In behalf of the Trustees,

SETH TURNER, *President.*

MARCH 15, 1876.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF RANDOLPH:—

Gentlemen,—The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report. The expenses of the Department have been as follows:—

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER Co., No. 1.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 21 men services one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$147 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 23 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents,	17 25
16 men 1 hour's work, at 25 cents,	4 00
N. E. Knight, steward bill,	9 75
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	\$178 00

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE Co., No. 2.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 50 men services one year, at \$7.00,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 36 men 1 hour's work, at 25 cents,	9 00
40 men $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour's work, at 25 cents,	15 00
Daniel Twoomey, steward bill,	12 00
Walter Sullivan, steward bill,	5 00
William Brennan, steward bill,	16 50
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	\$407 50

FEARLESS ENGINE CO., No. 3.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 49 men services 1 year, at \$7.00 each,	\$343 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 30 men $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour's work, at 25 cents,	11 25
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\$354 25

FIRE KING ENGINE CO., No. 5.

For the year ending May 1, 1875.

Paid 50 men services 1 year, at \$7.00 each,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1876.

Paid 43 men 1 hour's work, at 25 cents,	10 75
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For filling reservoir,	24 25
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50 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents,	37 50
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J. T. Cartwright, steward bill,	36 00
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19 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents, Tower Hill,	14 25
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50 men 2 hours' work, at 25 cents, S. Alden,	25 00
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34 men 3 hours' work, at 25 cents, C. McCarty,	25 50
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50 men 2 hours' work, at 25 cents, J. Mahony,	25 00
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50 men 1 hours' work, at 25 cents, alarm,	12 50
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50 men 1 hour's work at 25 cents, J. Russello,	12 50
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\$573 25

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid E. A. Perry, repairs,	\$2 63
H. A. Winship, repairs,	93 15
Daniel Kelleher, shovelling snow,	4 00
Carter, Hawes, & Hawley, sponges,	8 00
William A. English, oiling hose,	5 00
For lock and keys for engine-house,	7 55
J. Clark, rent of land for Fearless house,	10 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land for Independence house,	10 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	7 82
Engineers' supplies,	50 50
Lewis Pond, spanners,	18 00
C. A. Wales, supplies,	9 00
G. T. Jones, supplies,	15 00
F. Porter, supplies,	3 40
G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	80
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	14 26
H. H. Francis, labor and material,	52 63
A. J. Gove, express, and cash paid,	10 35
William Campbell, repairs,	3 75
J. Boyd & Son, repairs,	2 50
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	33 15
R. Houghton, repairs,	2 50
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	\$363 99

RECAPITULATION.

Pioneer Hook and ladder,	\$178 00
Independence, No. 2,	407 50
Fearless, No. 3,	354 25
Fire King,	573 25
Incidental expenses,	363 99
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Whole amount,	\$1,876 99

The Department has been called out as follows:—

May, 1875. — Alarm of fire in Braintree.

September, 1875. — House and barn belonging to Susan Alden; insured. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire King, Independence, and Fearless.

September, 1875. — Shop belonging to Charles McCarty; insured. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Independence, Fire King, and Fearless.

October, 1875. — Bowling Alley belonging to E. H. Perry, and occupied by J. Mahony. Engines present, — Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire-King, Independence, and Fearless.

January, 1876. — House belonging to James A. Tower. Engines present, — Independence, Fire King, and Fearless.

February, 1876. — Alarm of fire caused by chimney burning in house of John Russello. Engines present, — Independence, Fire King, and Pioneer Hook and Ladder.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	}	<i>Engineers</i>
LEVI WILBUR,		<i>of</i>
E. E. LOTHROP,		<i>Fire Department.</i>

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH, 1875.

Date.		Names.	Residence.	Age.
1875.				
Jan.	3	Charles H. Wild	Randolph.	42
		Ellen F. May	"	29
	3	James E. Neary	"	23
		Anna C. De Neil	"	20
	5	Thomas J. Hill	"	25
		Clementine P. Piper	"	21
	27	James Fardy	"	21
		Elizabeth Good	"	21
Feb.	23	Weston P. Alden	"	22
		Hannah A. Lapham	"	24
April	8	Fred P. Tileston	Randolph.	32
		Martha L. Towns	Easton.	33
	10	Daniel W. Arnold	Braintree.	22
		Nellie A. Simmons	Randolph.	22
	27	James Walsh	Malden.	27
		Mary B. Dolan	Randolph.	24
May	24	Richmond Jones	Randolph.	24
		Jennie Vergarson	Hartford.	26
June	13	Charles F. Crane	Stoughton.	26
		Julia E. Burrell	"	17
	28	John M. Jones	Brockton.	22
		J. Frances Easton	"	19
July	4	John F. Sullivan	Randolph.	18
		Sarah E. Bennison	"	20
Aug.	28	James T. Howard	Holbrook.	28
		Mary F. Courteau	"	27

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Age.
Sept.	8 George M. Clark	Randolph.	34
	Harriett E. Lyons	"	34
	15 Joseph P. Drollett	Braintree.	18
	Susan H. Holbrook	"	17
	23 Henry A. Davenport	Randolph.	23
	Fanny A. Bardwell	Northampton.	24
	5 Charles A. French	Braintree.	22
	Jennie Montague	"	19
	12 George E. Hollis	"	25
	Loella A. Munroe	"	21
Oct.	3 Bernard Moore	Randolph.	24
	Hannah Dooley	"	22
	10 John Walsh	"	26
	Mary E. Dwyer	"	21
Nov.	25 Eugene Thayer	Randolph.	26
	Clara W. Orcutt	Abington.	23
	22 William F. Dennehey	Plymouth.	25
	Lydia A. Kiley	"	22
	30 Emerson O. Leach	Randolph.	25
	Lizzie J. French	"	24
Dec.	9 Horace B. Libby	"	48
	Mary E. Stetson	"	28
	15 L. Morton Packard	Stoughton.	24
	Nellie F. Thayer	Randolph.	25
	25 Dennis J. Bisbee	Weymouth.	30
	Azelia A. Holbrook	Stoughton.	28
	27 Albert A. Stanley	Delaware, Ohio.	24
	Emma F. Bullock	Randolph.	22

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR 1875.

Date.	Names.	Ages.			Diseases.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1875					
January . . 5	Julia Ahern	33			Phthisis.
5	Joseph Jones	79	10		Pneumonia.
9	S. Preston Linfield	29	4	9	Accidental.
28	Alice L. McMahon	1	3	18	Cer. Spinal Meningitis.
27	Eugene F. Ward	31	6		Consumption.
28	Joanna L. Foley	15	5	1	Phthisis.
30	George F. Britton	65	10	24	Typhoid Fever.
February 17	Frederick A. Thayer	38	3	7	Tumor.
24	Patrick Donovan	79	4		Old age.
March . . 14	John O'Riley	43			Acute Phthisis.
16	Emma L. Buck	25			Phthisis pulmonalis.
18	William Henry	26	2	10	Phthisis.
25	Richard McGrane	67	3		Pneumonia.
April . . . 4	Betsey Prescott	60	4	19	Marasmus.
5	Herbert G. Thayer		7	16	Dentition.
20	Atherton Wales	69	4	8	Pgoemia.
23	Tirrell			4	Infantile.
27	Almira A. Madan	41	2	6	Consumption.
May . . . 3	Elizabeth Fernald	82	2	22	Paralysis.
24	Samuel B. Stickney	4	1	6	Dropsy.
June . . . 6	Katie Barry	8	9	25	Burned.
6	Louisa F. Eaton	73	1	13	Pneumonia.
30	Robert H. Wales	3	5	23	Scarlatina.
July . . . 1	Terrence Dargan	57	1	15	Enlargement of liver.
1	Betsey Fears	66	5	27	Pneumonia.
1	Addison Faunce	57	6		Paralysis.
9	William H. A. Tucker	62	3	19	Cancer.
19	Jane A. Leahy	22	11	12	Consumption.
23	William B. Stetson	30	3	27	Consumption.
August . . 2	Cornelius Foley	43	3	25	Consumption.
6	Charles E. Brown			22	Infantile.
10	Catharine Wren	16		8	Phthisis.
11	George J. Young	17			Heart disease.
14	Charles F. Bradford	31	1	5	Insanity.
16	Louisa Lovering	64	3	10	Congestion.
23	Mehitable W. French	67	11	26	Paralysis.
24	Dennis O'Brien, jun.	1		19	Cholera Infantum.
27	John Good	3		20	Infantile.
September 11	Margaret Good } Twins	8		23	Infantile.
13	Sally Nash	67	10		Tumor.
14	Tryphena Niles	76			Insanity.
14	Hiram Hodsdon	30	1	22	Kidney disease.
14	J. Arthur Pratt	4	6	24	Epilepsy.
16	Hannah E. Leahy	14	11	23	Phthisis.
18	Hannah Holbrook	73	9	6	Diarrhœa.
October . . 5	Henry N. Hunt	5	6		Cholera infantum.
9	Elizabeth Forrest	5	15		Diarrhœa.
11	Ellen Ahern	1		4	Phthisis.
13	Michael T. Leahy	24	5	29	Phthisis.
13	Cornelius Foley	24	5		Asthma.
November 11	Charles Thayer	74	3	17	Pulmonary congestion.
21	Dennis Nash	73			Consumption.
9	Heney				Asphyxia.
23	Fanny R. Kilton	27	11	2	Phthisis pulmonalis.
27	Jacob N. Foster	62			Epilepsy.
December . 3	George W. Hollis	42	8	21	Acute enteritis.
28	Mary Harris	34	10	11	Ovarian dropsy.
	Jane Sylvester	69			Burned.

TABLE OF DISEASES,

AND NUMBER OF EACH.

Asphyxia, acute enteritis, ovarian dropsy, kidney disease, congestion, acute phthisis, dentition, dropsy, asthma, pulmonary congestion, enlargement of liver, pigoemia, cerebro spinal meningitis, marasmus, typhoid fever, cancer, scarlatina, heart disease, old age, — 1 each.

Diarrhoea, epilepsy, burned, phthisis pulmonalis, insanity, tumor, accidental, cholera infantum, — 2 each.

Paralysis, 3. Infantile, 4. Pneumonia, 4. Phthisis, 6. Consumption, 6.

34 Males.

24 Females.

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Under 5 years of age.....	14
Between 5 and 10	1
10 and 20.....	4
20 and 30.....	7
30 and 40.....	7
40 and 50.....	4
50 and 60.....	3
60 and 70.....	10
70 and 80.....	7
80 and 90.....	1

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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, } SS.

To WILLIAM H. WARREN, *or either of the Constables of the Town
of Randolph, in said County*, GREETING:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Randolph, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the third day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles; viz, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such Town Officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting; also a Trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs on school buildings, and incidental expenses for schools.

ART. 5. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the General Town Expenses the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof, including the payment on the Town debt.

ART. 6. To determine the manner of repairing highways, and raise money for the same.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in relation to engines and pay of engine-men.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post No. 110.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the Town, — to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested, as a party or otherwise, — for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means a Town Treasurer may use when acting as Collector.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum, on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after Oct. 10, 1876.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will cause stone bounds to be set at the angles of location of Short Street, and that portion of Main Street between the Howard House and Quincy town line; and, if there are any encroachments on or within the boundaries of said street, to cause the same to be removed, as petitioned for by John Long.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will award Joanna W. King the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the award already made, for damage to her property

caused by the location and construction of the new street leading from the Old Colony Station on Warren Street to the Old Colony Railroad Bridge on Main Street, as petitioned for by Seth T. and Joanna W. King. Also to take action in relation to a claim of O. H. Leach for additional land damage.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will cause to be laid out and built a sidewalk from Alden Street to house of Cornelius McMahon on South Street on petition of C. McMahon and others.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take in relation to a claim for damages, by Thomas Ward, for alleged injuries to the wife of said Ward on Short Street.

ART. 18. To see what action the Town will take in relation to celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the declaration of Independence, and make appropriation therefor.

ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in relation to providing for a paid police the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the day appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this sixteenth day of March, A.D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

J. WHITE BELCHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN T. FLOOD,	
JAMES A. TOWER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Randolph.</i>

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1876-77.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN T. FLOOD,

SETH MANN, 2d,

SIDNEY FRENCH.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

MICHAEL A. DONOVAN,

Term expires April 1, 1877.

JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A.M.

" " " 1878.

WINSLOW BATTLES,

" " " 1879.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

CHARLES H. HOWARD,

Term expires April 1, 1877.

DANIEL HOWARD,

" " " 1878.

T. T. CUSHMAN,

" " " 1879.

Auditors.

FRANK MORTON,

FRANKLIN PORTER,

EDGAR HOWARD.

Constables.

*WILLIAM H. WARREN,

JAMES FRIZZELL,

THOMAS FARRELL,

GEORGE WILD,

HENRY H. FRANCIS,

JOHN LONG,

JAMES E. NEARY.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL,

ADAM F. JONES,

BENJAMIN THAYER.

Engineers of Fire Department.

* WILLIAM H. WARREN, *Chief Engineer.*

EDWARD E. LOTHROP, *Clerk.*

LEVI WILBUR, *Chief Engineer.*

LOUIS GORES.

JOHN DOOLEY JR.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

FRANK W. BIRD, of Walpole.

SETH MANN, 2d, of Randolph.

* Deceased.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen of the town of Randolph respectfully present their annual report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1877.

APPROPRIATIONS, AS VOTED BY THE TOWN.

For schools,	\$7,600 00
Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Repairs of highways,	3,000 00
General town expenses,	8,000 00
Reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
Fire Department,	2,400 00
Grand Army,	100 00
100th anniversary of American Independence,	300 00
State tax,	2,466 00
County tax,	2,030 60
Total,	<u>\$29,896 60</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1876.

Real estate,	\$1,453,900 00
Personal estate,	650,610 00
Bank stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	317,750 00

Corporation stock owned by residents of Randolph, taxed by the State,	\$136,666 00
Total valuation,	\$2,558,926 00
Town debt, March 1, 1876,	\$21,619 45
Town debt, March 1, 1877,	17,564 13
Decrease in debt,	\$4,055 32

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1876, \$12.60 on \$1,000.

Average rate in the State, \$12.80 on \$1,000.

Population of Randolph, May 1, 1875,	4,064
Number of polls, May 1, 1876,	1,189
Number of dwellings, “	757
Number of horses, “	302
Number of cows, “	221
Number of acres of land taxed, 1876,	5,814

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE
TOWN, MARCH 1, 1877.

Alms-house property and farm,	\$10,500 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
Two fire-engines, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	2,125 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	600 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
No. 3,	1,350 00
No. 5,	1,200 00
No. 6,	1,650 00
No. 8,	6,000 00

Prescott School-house and land,	\$15,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 10,	5,750 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank,	1,600 00
Stetson School Fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner Library building and land,	40,000 00
Turner Library,	5,000 00
Turner Library Fund,	5,000 00
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	\$130,775 00

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$28,417.12, viz. :—

On account of schools (teaching, fuel, and care of rooms),	\$7,136 82
On account of Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Repairs and incidental expenses,	808 53
Highways,	2,730 22
Removing snow,	205 89
New roads,	943 50
Poor in almshouse,	2,060 39
Well and pump at almshouse,	136 22
Poor out of almshouse,	2,563 12
Poor of other towns,	793 79
Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook (military),	1,142 22
State paupers and tramps,	344 63
Funeral expenses,	258 00
State aid,	2,263 31
Fire Department,	2,103 40
Fire Department bell,	157 25
Abatement and collection of taxes,	630 07
Town officers,	1,493 43
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,646 33
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Total,	\$28,417 12

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills by direction of School Committee for the financial year ending March 1, 1877. For items see report of School Committee.

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,314 50
Sundry persons for fuel,	410 07
Sundry persons for care of rooms,	412 25
Appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	808 53
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Total,	\$8,945 35

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$8,600 00
State School Fund,	288 36
Coddington fund,	116 00
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Total,	\$9,004 36

Expenditures more than appropriations	\$59 01
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

REPAIRS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SURVEYORS.

DISTRICT No. 1, JAMES H. WALES, *Surveyor*.

Paid J. H. Wales, 11 days' labor,	\$22 00
Peter A. Wales, team work, 9 days, 2 horses and man,	54 00
Peter A. Wales, team work, 3 days, 2 horses and boy,	15 00
Peter A. Wales, team work, drawing scraper,	5 00

Paid Ephraim Wales, team work, 7 days with horse and cart,	\$28 00
Ephraim Wales, team work, 3 days with horse and cart,	9 00
Richard Adams, team work, 7 days with horse and cart,	28 00
Jackson Belcher, labor with horse and cart, 8½ days,	34 00
Jackson Belcher, labor, 5½ days,	11 00
Francis Boyle, 3 days' labor,	5 25
Charles Young, 5 " "	3 75
William Kelly, 3 " "	2 25
Henry G. Beal, 2 " "	3 50
Timothy M. O'Neil, 14½ " "	29 00
Patrick Kiley, 7 " "	14 00
Thomas Prior, 8 " "	16 00
Bernard O'Flaherty, 6 " "	12 00
Michael Buckley, 7 " "	14 00
John Desmond, 7 " "	14 00
Patrick Feeney, 6 " "	12 00
Lysander Alden, 2 " "	2 00
Frank Wood, 2 " "	1 00
Eugene Sullivan, 6½ " "	13 00
Marcus Hollis, 6½ " "	13 00
Thomas Prior, Jr., 6 " "	6 00
J. H. Wales and others, picking stones,	31 40
P. A. Wales, plank box,	2 00
Thomas Fardy & Son, repairing tools,	50
Ebenezer Alden, 62 loads gravel,	4 96
John Wales, 180 " "	14 40
Bradford Blanchard, 153 loads gravel,	12 24
Old Colony R. R. Co., 21 " "	1 68
Total,	<hr/> \$433 93

DISTRICT NO. 3, PRESCOTT E. WILBUR, *Surveyor*.

Paid Prescott E. Wilbur, 22 $\frac{1}{10}$ days' labor with team,	\$77 35
Seth W. Mann, 5 " " " "	17 50
Charles H. Mann, 5 $\frac{1}{10}$ " " " "	20 35
" 3 $\frac{7}{10}$ " " of "	6 47
R. T. & E. M. Mann, 2 $\frac{4}{5}$ " " with "	12 40
Prescott E. Wilbur, 20 $\frac{4}{5}$ " "	36 41
D. D. Mann, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	23 63
Ansel Mann, 22 " "	38 50
John A. Mann, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	4 38
William Tillson, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	6 75
Chandler Cox, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	14 00
Albert Wentworth, 4 " "	4 72
William Roberts, 2 " "	3 00
E. N. Wilbur, 14 $\frac{7}{10}$ " "	25 72
G. S. Wilbur, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	15 75
Peter S. Sloan, 2 " "	3 50
A. A. Mann, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	28 00
Leonard Thayer, 2 " "	3 50
Charles Bowman, 2 " "	3 50
Thomas B. Howard, 267 loads gravel,	16 02
A. S. Niles, 51 " "	3 06
Ansel Mann, 71 " "	4 26
" bridge stone,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$369 77

DISTRICT NO. 5, JEDEDIAH FRENCH, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, 4 days' labor of team,	\$8 00
" 4 " " with team,	16 40
A. G. Swain, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "	14 00
Rufus A. Thayer, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "	29 00
Jedediah French, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	32 25
Lewis Jones, 15 " "	30 00

Paid Chas. M. Holbrook, 5 days' labor	\$10 00
Geo. W. Pierce, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " "	7 00
Geo. L. Pierce, 1 " "	1 25
De Witt C. Pierce, $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	50
Noah Cheesman, 10 " "	20 00
Silas Binney, 4 " "	8 00
John Gill, 6 " "	12 00
Manus Gallagher, 2 " "	4 00
Geo. Burrill, 1 " "	1 00
Thos. Johnson, 3 " "	6 00
John Desmond, 3 " "	6 00
Eli Hayden, 1 " "	2 00
3 Boys, $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	2 00
Amasa Clark, 298 loads gravel,	29 80
Amasa Thayer, 32 " "	3 20
R. S. Holbrook, 62 " "	6 20
Charles Holbrook, 4 posts,	1 00
G. H. & C. Prescott, spikes,	25
Total,	<hr/> \$249 85

DISTRICT No. 6, JOHN S. ABBOTT, *Surveyor*.

Paid Rufus Jones, $1\frac{17}{20}$ days' labor with team,	\$5 55
George W. Abbott, 10 days' labor with team,	25 00
Elbridge Jones, 2 " "	6 00
Charles H. Mann, 1 " "	6 00
Alfred Tucker, 7 " "	21 00
Abram Jones, 5 " "	15 00
Lawrence White, 4 " "	12 00
L. A. Jones, 1 " "	6 00
John S. Abbott, $2\frac{1}{2}$ " "	7 50
John S. Abbott, 14 days' labor,	28 00
Rufus Jones, 6 " "	11 00
Elbridge Jones, $1\frac{1}{5}$ " "	2 70

Paid George F. Eddy,	3 days' labor,	\$4 50
J. Simpson, 3	" "	4 50
John Neary, 8	" "	14 75
James Sutton, $6\frac{4}{5}$	" "	10 95
Frederic Miller, 2	" "	3 00
John McGrane, $5\frac{3}{10}$	" "	8 70
Walter Thayer, 8	" "	10 75
Peter Sutton, 3	" "	4 25
James Carroll, 2	" "	4 00
T. E. Carroll, $1\frac{1}{2}\frac{7}{10}$	" "	1 85
Maurice Kiley, $4\frac{1}{2}$	" "	6 75
Benj. F. Turner, $1\frac{1}{5}$	" "	1 50
Anthony Abenzellar, 1	" "	1 50
Hugh Hickey, 3	" "	4 50
Alfred Tucker, 2	" "	3 25
Charles H. Eddy, 1	" "	1 25
C. McAuley, 1	" "	1 00
Wm. Shields, 2	" "	3 00
Joseph Crosby, $2\frac{1}{2}$	" "	2 50
John Sutton, 3	" "	5 25
Owen Neary, $2\frac{1}{2}$	" "	3 75
Wm. White, 1	" "	1 75
Lawrence White, 2	" "	3 50
Lucius Mann, $2\frac{4}{5}$	" "	4 45
Walter Mann, $2\frac{4}{5}$	" "	4 45
Abram Jones, 2	" "	3 50
James Barry, $2\frac{1}{2}$	" "	3 75
Wm. Barry, 1	" "	1 50
Patrick Manning, 2	" "	3 00
Burleigh Faunce, 1	" "	1 25
John S. Abbott and others, picking stones,		10 12
Owen Neary, bridge stones,		5 50
Frederic Chandler, 261 loads gravel,		13 05
Joseph Mann, 130	" "	6 50
Rufus Jones, 34	" "	3 40

Paid John Jones, 52 loads gravel,	\$2 60
Chas. H. Eddy, 18 " "	1 80
John Manning, 30 " "	1 50
John S. Abbott, powder and drills,	92
Total,	<hr/> \$319 79

DISTRICT NO. 7, JACKSON BELCHER, *Surveyor*.

Paid Jackson Belcher, horse and cart, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$7 00
Jackson Belcher, with horse and cart, 15 days,	59 00
Richard Adams, " " 3 days,	12 00
James H. Wales, ploughing,	2 60
Thomas Prior, labor, 12 days,	24 00
Thomas Prior, Jr., labor, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days,	18 25
John Gill, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	17 00
John Desmond, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 00
Michael Buckley, labor, 3 days,	6 00
Alonzo Buckley, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Timothy M. O'Neil, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Eugene Sullivan, labor, 2 days,	4 00
James Lyons, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Daniel Elliott, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Marcus Hollis, labor, 3 days,	6 00
Two boys, picking stones,	2 00
Thos. Fardy & Son, repairs of tools,	2 25
Jackson Belcher, 140 loads gravel,	11 00
Samuel Packard, 10 loads gravel,	60
Ebenezer Alden, 13 loads gravel,	1 00
Old Colony R. R. Co., 15 loads gravel,	1 20
Nathaniel Noyes, Jr., railing,	4 86
Total,	<hr/> \$212 16

DISTRICT No. 8, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team, $29\frac{13}{20}$ days,	\$117 30
Josiah Clark, " " 16 "	134 00
Jedediah French, labor, 21 days,	42 00
Noah Cheesman, labor, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days,	35 00
Daniel Kiley, labor, 20 days,	40 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 18 days,	36 00
Timothy O'Neil, labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days,	25 00
John Desmond, labor, 19 days,	38 00
John Gill, labor, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days,	35 00
Patrick Flood, labor, 19 days,	38 00
Wm. Cunningham, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	15 00
" " boy, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	1 50
Geo. W. Pierce, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Daniel Lyons, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Daniel Kelliher, labor, 2 days,	4 00
" " boy, labor, 1 day,	1 25
Michael Buckley, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Marcus M. Holbrook, labor, 1 day,	1 75
Mason Lovering, labor, $\frac{1}{4}$ day,	50
Boys, picking stones,	1 35
N. F. Roel, labor,	32 58
Daniel Kelliher, bridge stones,	4 10
S. Mann, 2d, " "	1 00
Owen Neary, " "	2 00
James Deane, " "	1 24
Wm. Campbell, gutter grates,	4 00
B. L. Wales, 699 loads gravel,	69 90
D. Kelliher, 109 " "	10 90
M. Donahoe, 60 " "	6 00
D. Sullivan, 8 " "	80
Town Farm, 20 " "	2 00
Total,	<hr/> \$720 17

DISTRICT No. 10, EDSON M. ROEL, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, labor with team 9 days,	\$36 00
A. G. Swain, " " 2 "	8 00
Josiah Clark, " " $6\frac{2}{10}$ "	37 20
" " " $1\frac{1}{2}$ "	6 00
Seth Mann, " " $2\frac{7}{10}$ "	16 20
Ephraim Mann, " " $5\frac{7}{10}$ "	34 20
Jedediah French, labor, $13\frac{4}{5}$ days,	29 35
Geo. W. Pierce, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Lewis Jones, labor, $11\frac{3}{5}$ days,	23 20
Noah Cheesman, labor, $11\frac{3}{10}$ days,	22 60
Wm. Cunningham, labor, $8\frac{7}{10}$ days,	17 40
John Gill, labor, $11\frac{3}{10}$ days,	22 60
Patrick Flood, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Michael O'Keefe, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Edward Burns, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Patrick Kiley, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Isaac Lovering, labor, 1 day,	2 00
John Crosby, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Daniel Kiley, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Edson M. Roel, labor, 8 days,	20 25
Thomas Green, labor, 1 day,	2 00
John Desmond, labor, $5\frac{3}{10}$ days,	10 60
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
Thomas Johnson, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 40
E. M. Roel, bills for picking stones,	32 50
Wm. Campbell, bills for sharpening tools,	1 45
Belcher & Prescott, 552 loads gravel,	35 70
Daniel Kiley, 145 loads gravel,	14 50
Total,	<hr/> \$424 55

NEW ROAD FROM MAIN STREET TO RAILROAD DEPOT AND WARREN STREET.

Paid Seth T. and Joanna W. King, land damages (1875)	\$750 00
O H. Leach, " "	150 00
Joshua Spear, 57 posts, " "	28 50
B. L. Wales, Warren Street, land damage (1874)	15 00
Total,	<u>\$943 50</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Prescott E. Wilbur and others,	\$4 20
John S. Abbott and others,	35 45
Jackson Belcher and others,	10 35
R. T. and E. Mann and others,	51 95
M. P. Pike and others,	44 54
Jedediah French and others,	21 80
J. H. Wales and others,	34 45
Total,	<u>\$205 89</u>

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 86 funerals,	\$258 00
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STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account to State),	\$2,263 31
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see, for items, Engineer's Report),	\$2,103 40
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FIRE DEPARTMENT BELL.

YEAR 1875-76.

Paid Naylor & Co. for bell,	\$129 00
Wm. F. Henry and others, hanging bell,	19 75
Henry B. Roberts, wire rope,	3 50
Thomas Fardy & Son, bolts, etc.,	5 00
Total,	<u>\$157 25</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Horatio B. Alden, for year 1874,	\$44 40
E. M. Roel, for year 1875,	202 30
E. M. Roel, for year 1876,	383 37
Total,	<u>\$630 07</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for year ending March 1, 1876,	\$10 00
Engineers Fire Department, to May 1, 1876,	65 00
Edson M. Roel, collector of taxes, year 1875,	264 68
Nathaniel Howard, School Committee, 1875-76,	56 25
James E. O'Brien, A. M., School Committee, 1876-77,	107 50
M. A. Donovan, School Committee, 1876-77,	90 00
Winslow Battles, School Committee, 1876-77,	75 00
John T Flood, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
Seth Mann, 2d, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
Sidney French, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
Total,	<u>\$1,493 43</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid William B. Hathaway, entertainment for town officers,	\$20 75
Messrs. Belcher, Tower & French, bills for cash paid,	15 10
Chas. H. Nichols for distributing town reports,	2 50
Colin Boyd, care of hall for town meetings,	5 00
Colin Boyd, care of selectmen's office,	27 00
Colin Boyd, broom and sawing wood,	2 50
D. H. Huxford, printing 1,300 town reports,	230 29
D. H. Huxford, printing warrants, tax-bills, etc.,	79 75
Thomas Fardy & Son, repairs on lock-up,	1 35
Wm. Campbell, repairs on road scraper,	30 20
Wm. Campbell, varnishing hearse,	18 00
Margaret Ward, personal injury on highway,	150 00
Ward & Gay, stationery,	6 42
Thomas Groom, tax-books,	2 00
Grand Army Post, 110 per vote of town,	100 00
Expenses of celebration 100th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence,	300 00
S. H. Leach, ribbon for police badges,	87
Special Police, 4th July,	125 00
John T. Cartwright, cleaning well,	2 00
E. M. Roel, expenses, sale estate for taxes (S. L. Smith),	11 55
P. A. Wales, repairing pump,	16 00
J. H. Wales, repairing well,	14 62
Nathaniel Noyes, repairing lock-up,	3 73
L. R. Peterson, labor and stock,	2 25
John G. Poole, postage,	5 83
J. N. Bullock, horse hire,	7 00
D. G. Corliss & Co., stone bounds for roads,	47 00
Eleazer Beal, setting bounds on road, etc.,	150 77

Paid Wm. Ware & Co., law books,	\$10 48
Quincy Patriot, advertising,	1 00
Ephraim Mann, wood for selectmen's room,	10 00
Chas. A. Wales, tin ware for lock-up,	2 33
Chas. A. Wales, repairs on pump,	6 04
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for lock-up,	7 00
Seth Mann, 2d, privilege of drain, Warren Street,	25 00
A. J. Gove, expressage,	3 20
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	67 00
J. White Belcher, insurance,	85 80
R. W. Turner, insurance,	51 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,646 33

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

THE whole number supported in the almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1877, in whole or in part, was twenty-seven, the average number, nineteen; an increase of four for a full year.

Names of persons supported in the almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1877:—

Polly Copeland,	† Garrett Noonan,
Eunice Delano,	Mary F. Veazie,
Betsey Eddy,	Catharine Condon,
Ellen Kennedy,	Clarence Veazie,
Peter Reardon,	Mary Barry,
* Keilah H. Kennedy,	Hannah Barry,
Emery Delano,	Edward Barry,
† Thomas Stevens,	John D. Lahey,
‡ John E. Mann,	Lewis Linfield,
‡ Patrick Fencer,	‡ William Morrissey,
‡ Thomas Fencer,	Margaret Mead,
‡ Ellen Barry,	Jane Kennedy,
‡ Joseph Powers,	Frances McMath.
Elias Cole,	

* Deceased.

† Refunded.

‡ Discharged.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year,	\$500 00
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal, 1875-76,	172 00
J. White Belcher, “ “ 1876-77,	183 90

Paid Thomas J. Hill, groceries,	\$32 34
Daniel B. White & Co., groceries,	128 22
G. H. & C. Prescott, “	236 84
Charles Prescott, “	70 35
Josiah Clark, meat,	54 13
John May, “	80 27
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	175 44
N. E. Buck, tea, coffee, etc ,	26 28
N. Rosenfeld, dry goods,	46 05
O. H. Leach, boots and leather,	8 84
Sidney French, boots and shoes,	48 29
Leopold Hoffman, clothing,	13 34
Joseph McMullen, clothing,	13 00
F. Porter, medicines, etc.,	22 50
Charles A. Wales, tinware, etc.,	6 10
E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	9 00
W. M. Babbitt, medical attendance,	25 00
William Campbell, horse-shoeing and repairs,	58 58
Z. P. Jordan, stump and rock extractor,	28 00
John McCarty, 10 cords manure,	30 00
Charles Davenport, 2 pigs,	10 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber,	9 24
Loud & Pratt, “	10 54
M. M. Alden, “	1 33
J. B. Thayer, repairs,	16 75
Moses C. Beal, sundry bills,	5 00
Ralph Houghton, coffin, etc., K. H. Kennedy,	15 00
William Cole's heirs, pasture,	16 00
A. J. Gove, expressage,	8 06
Total,	<hr/> \$2,060 39

Cr. by cash paid treasurer for labor, board, and produce
sold and by bills due,

728 71

Net cost,

\$1,231 68

EXPENSE OF WELL AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid N. F. Roel, labor,	\$42 40
Noah Cheesman, labor,	10 00
John Desmond, labor,	9 00
Collins & Co., well pipe,	30 00
C. A. Wales, pump and pipe,	41 67
H. B. Alden, well stones,	3 15
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	\$136 22

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Packard, board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHEESMAN.

Paid Samuel Cheesman, board,	117 00
A. S. Niles, board,	52 00
E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	21 00
R. W. Turner, coal,	16 50
for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Asylum,	201 75
John Carey, " "	41 50
James Forest, " "	61 50
Thomas Harris, at State Reform School,	27 71
Mrs. William Barry,	107 25
William Grady,	180 35
Margaret Mead,	4 00
Cornelius Foley,	126 50
Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr., at N. H.)	17 00
Asa Morton,	6 00
Elias Cole,	108 00
Edward Welch, at Boston,	2 00
Rose Kenney,	88 2
Lysander P. Holbrook, at Quincy,	55 8

Paid for John Welsh,	\$45 00
Laura A. Taber,	12 00
Mrs. James Riley,	16 91
Stillman Jones,	63 50
Mrs. John Fencer, at Brockton,	46 42
Mrs. Richard Carey, “	35 00
Mrs. Patrick Howard, at Braintree,	206 97
Luke O'Reilly,	21 00
Mrs. James Brady,	6 50
Mrs. Margaret Kennedy,	72 75
Mrs. Francis Holbrook,	6 50
Nathan Hollis,	5 00
Mrs. Patrick McKay,	13 65
B. W. Sylvester,	92 98
Geo. W. Sylvester, at Boston,	22 20
Jona. W. Sylvester, at Boston,	44 20
John C. Kelliher,	28 00
Isaac Clark,	12 06
John Donovan, at Boston,	3 82
Alexander Holbrook,	9 00
Polly Hall, at Scituate,	69 00
Mrs. Frances McMath, at Boston, 1875-76,	122 03
Mrs. Everett Poole,	13 00
Gerald Farrell,	5 25
Wm. McMath and family,	88 52
Mrs. S. J. Pulson,	80 00
B. Franklin Jones,	8 00
Mary Ann Scott, at Boston,	13 82
Richard McNair,	4 19
Bills refunded,	20 00
Sundry small bills for aid,	11 70
Total,	<hr/> \$2,563 12

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN RAN-
DOLPH AND HOLBROOK THROUGH MILITARY
SERVICE.

Paid for Mrs. Rose Murphy,	\$87 75
Mrs. Francis Boyle,	18 50
L. F. Leavitt, at Quincy,	13 83
Aaron Leavitt, at Braintree,	24 00
Thomas Alexander,	4 50
William Whitten, at Abington,	3 00
William Tillson,	4 50
Mrs. J. C. Buckley, at Weymouth,	208 00
John Maloney, at Grafton,	75 75
Albert W. Stetson,	70 88
Christiana Sloan,	207 60
Joseph Boyle, at Holbrook,	52 00
Albert W. Howard, at Stoughton and Brockton,	63 00
Wm. H. Simpson, at Boston and Lowell,	42 35
Wm. Morrissey,	4 00
John E. Mann's family,	76 60
Mary Mullins, at Boston,	18 12
Ellen O'Gorman, "	34 19
Wm. H. Hunter, "	8 00
John Crosby,	8 00
Winfield S. Weathee,	76 00
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	\$1,099 97

One third paid by Holbrook.

Additional expenses in almshouse were paid by Holbrook.

Paid for R. N. Bennison, at Holbrook (one third charged to Holbrook),	\$42 25
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PAUPERS OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Stephen Farnum, Methuen,	\$21 50
Elizabeth Farnum, “	14 00
Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	84 20
Lucius Hollis, Holbrook,	178 74
Francis S. Blanchard, Brockton,	129 40
Mrs. William Taunt, Braintree,	3 75
Amanda J. Langley, “	60 75
Edmund Burke, Foxboro’,	50 10
Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton,	60 60
Lysander C. Morse, Holbrook,	4 10
Lysander Miller, “	38 25
Catharine Curtis, “	178 40
Total,	<hr/> \$823 79

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Wm. H. Warren, for lodging 419 tramps in lock-up,	\$104 75
Colin Boyd, for 737 do ,	80 67
D. B. White & Co., provisions,	99 49
Colin Boyd, “	5 72
Ellen Keith, washing bedding and rooms,	9 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	9 50
Total,	<hr/> \$309 13
Paid for John Paul,	\$7 50
John Brady,	16 00
Thomas Hunt,	9 00
Mary Kemp,	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$35 50

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1877, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the treasurer.

FRANK MORTON,
EDGAR HOWARD,
FRANKLIN PORTER,

Auditors.

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1877.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC., MARCH 1, 1877.

1 horse,	\$200 00
2 cows,	80 00
15 hens,	10 00
1 pig,	20 00
8 tons hay,	200 00
1 horse cart,	65 00
1 farm wagon,	65 00
1 sled,	9 00
1 stone drag and chain,	5 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
3 harnesses,	25 00
1 wheelbarrow.	3 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	1 00
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6 00
2 ploughs,	6 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
1 saw-horse,	75

4 hoes,	\$1 25
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill hook,	5 00
1 churn,	2 00
1 boiler,	2 00
50 bushels potatoes,	45 00
3 lbs. hard soap,	30
$\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. soft soap,	3 00
2 lbs. coffee,	50
2 lbs. chocolate,	80
4 gals. molasses,	2 00
6 lbs. sugar,	60
$\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. flour,	6 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
2 rubber blankets,	5 00
23 colored blankets,	20 00
20 white blankets,	20 00
7 feather beds,	56 00
17 under beds,	25 00
42 sheets,	22 00
10 double sheets,	5 00
36 pillow-cases,	15 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
15 towels,	2 00
Table cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	15 00
5 light stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash barrel, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00
Cooking stove and furniture,	25 00
6 flat irons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1 25
1 steelyards,	1 50
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00

Crockery ware,	\$40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
1 clock,	4 00
6 cords,	33 00
1 road scraper,	30 00
2½ tons coal,	17 00
150 pounds pork,	21 00
1 washing machine,	8 00
30 pounds lard,	4 50
5 pounds butter,	2 00
9 lamps,	4 50
25 flour barrels,	3 00
8 yards cotton cloth,	75
5 yards calico,	60
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	\$1,394 80

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1877-78.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town:—

For Schools (see report of School Committee),	\$7,000 00
Repairs, furniture and incidental expenses,	2,000 00
Highways,	3,000 00
General town expenses,	8,000 00
Reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
Fire Department (see report of Engineers)	3,200 00
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	\$26,200 00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. FLOOD,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
SETH MANN, 2d,	
SIDNEY FRENCH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Randolph.</i>

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

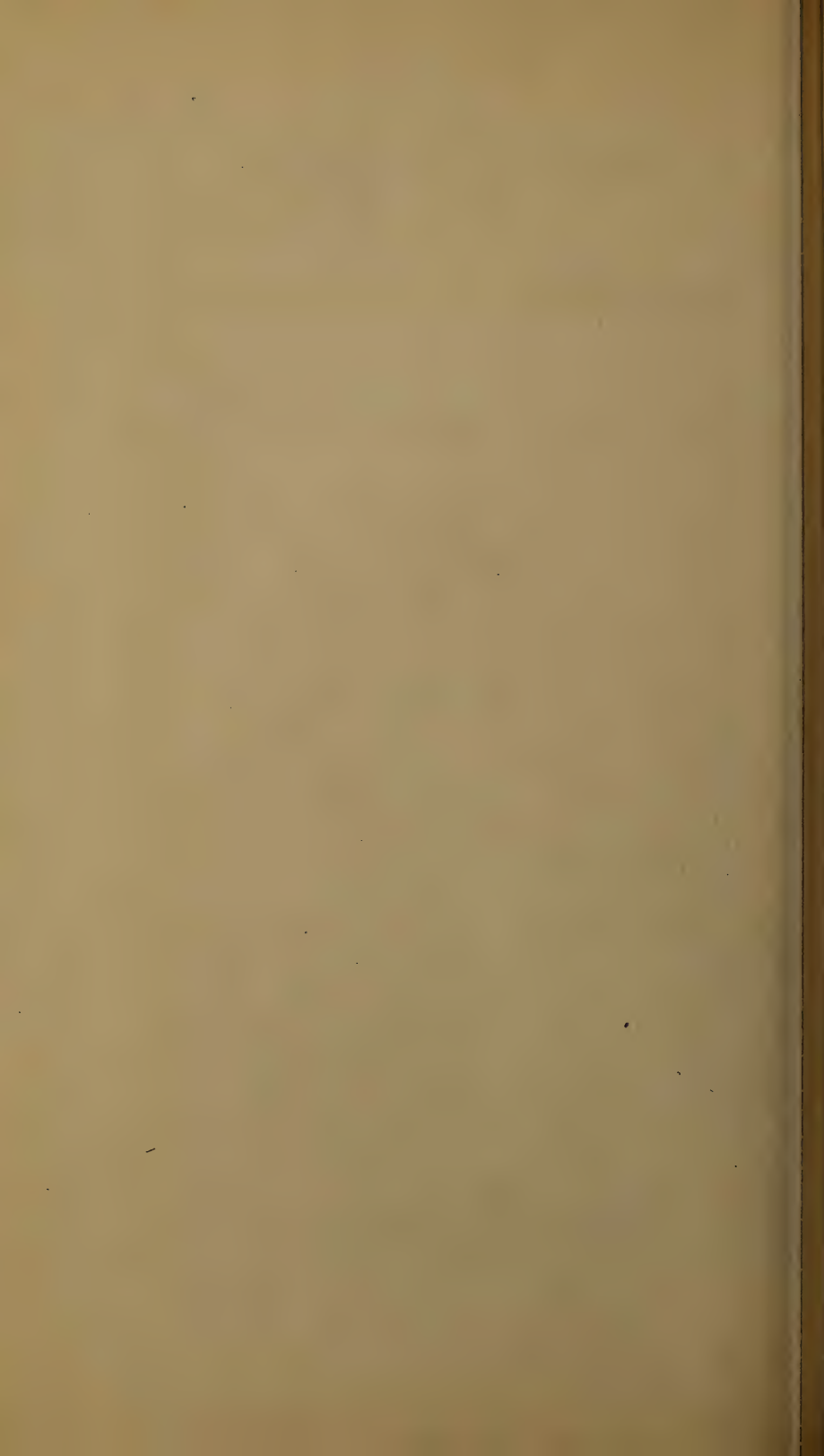
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1876-77.

RANDOLPH:

NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTER.

1877.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN:

The closing of the schools brings to our minds the fact that we are debtors to a school report for another year. This debt, like many others, has a certain air about it not overpleasing, inasmuch as it becomes due before we feel fully prepared to meet it; hence the desire to liquidate it in a manner satisfactory to ourselves and the parents of the town. Many reasons suggest themselves why we should be brief. School reports, as a rule, do not escape the fate of other public documents, which are hastily scanned by a few more or less interested individuals, to be then laid aside forever. Thus it happens that great expense is incurred and much time and labor almost thrown away. Those who are expected to read and profit by what has been published oftentimes neglect their duty, and thus the good results desired are never attained. Moreover, it is not always easy to find material to make such documents interesting. The attendance and the moral and intellectual progress of the children are topics which should be most interesting to all, but inasmuch as these have been discussed over and over again, and have failed to produce, in many instances, the wished-for results, the committee naturally feel anxious to have their recommendations carefully weighed, and if approved, acted upon by all who have the welfare of our schools at heart.

We expressed a hope at the beginning of the centennial year that all might work to make it a marked year in the history of the schools of the town. In some cases this hope has been realized; in others it has not. If any of the blame rests with the teachers, we are sure their share of it must be light, as we feel certain they

have all tried to do their best to carry out the ideas of the committee. Some few of the teachers would please us better if they paid more attention to the attendance of the children. An occasional call by the teacher on some careless parents, urging them to be particular in sending their children to school, would, no doubt, materially increase their average attendance. We also recommend a little more exactness in reporting cases of absenteeism to the committee. Truancy is forbidden by the laws of the Commonwealth, and cases which the teachers find difficulty in correcting should always be reported to the committee. A salutary fear of punishment, especially of legal punishment, seems to be a *sine qua non* in enforcing attendance, and good behavior, with certain wayward children.

We desire the teachers to pay especial attention to the health of the children. Good scholarship and good health are not incompatible with each other. Protracted confinement in ill-ventilated school-rooms is far more destructive to health than hard study. Every intelligent educator will assent to the proposition that a healthy, well-developed physical organization is the basis of usefulness and enjoyment. The bodies of children, especially, need to be invigorated by exercise and by an unstinted supply of pure, fresh air. We therefore recommend, for the ensuing year, the introduction into all grades of our schools of a thorough system of physical training as a part of the school culture. Calisthenic and gymnastic exercises can be easily taught by the teacher, and in these every pupil should be required to participate. An able author, who has thoroughly studied this subject, has written that "a universal course of training of this kind, scientifically arranged and applied, in connection with obedience to other laws of health, might in one generation transform the inhabitants of this land from the low development now so extensive to the beautiful model of the highest form of humanity."

The seventeen schools of the town have all kept thirty-eight weeks of the year. The attendance in general has been fair, in some instances remarkably good. The eagerness manifested by

some children to be neither absent nor tardy during the year is a source of great satisfaction to the committee. This happens, however, only in those schools whose teachers are noted for their strictness in all matters pertaining to discipline. During the last term sickness and the severity of the winter caused many children to be absent, especially among the little ones. Three or four deaths occurring in one building naturally alarmed the parents, and caused them to keep their children at home.

In the first term of the present year we secured the services of Mr. Walter Brackett, to give lessons in drawing to all our teachers. This was done in compliance with a law of the Commonwealth, requiring drawing to be taught in the public schools. These lessons were given on Saturdays, and continued through the whole term. The teachers then took up drawing as a regular study, at the opening of school, imparting to their scholars each week the substance of the lesson they themselves received the previous Saturday. The result has been generally satisfactory, and we feel confident the study of drawing has not interfered with advancement in other studies. We are certain also, if too much time is not given to it, good results will follow. It has a tendency to develop the natural gifts of the children, and the progress made by many argues well for its popularity.

The committee think the time has not yet arrived for appointing a superintendent of schools. The experience of other towns causes us to make this suggestion. We think the town should first take measures to increase the salaries of our teachers, and to furnish them with many accessories to teaching which they do not now possess. Considerable money should be spent this year in improving the appearance of some school-rooms, thereby enhancing the comfort and happiness of teachers and pupils. We recommend again to the parents to try to take a more active interest in the schools. Visit them oftener, and encourage teachers and children by your presence. Be particular about attendance at school at every session, and have your children always in time. You can hardly imagine how annoying it is to a teacher of regular habits

(and none else should be employed) to have children continually absent, and coming late, for the most trivial causes.

The efforts of the parents, the teachers, and the committee should all point in one direction, — to have the children *love school*; to have them understand the schools foster their best interests, that they are the gardens from which they are now to cull flowers of virtue, of morality, of politeness, and learning, which are to remain with them during the busy scenes of after life.

For the year ensuing we would recommend the following appropriations:—

For Teaching,	\$7,000 00
Fuel,	450 00
Care of rooms,	470 00
Incidental,	600 00
Repairs,	480 00
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	\$9,000 00

Respectfully,

JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A. M., *Chairman*,
M. A. DONOVAN,
WINSLOW BATTLES,

School Committee.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1876-77.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
Alfred N. Fuller, 1 year,	850 00
Annie M. Wild, 38 weeks,	304 00
Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	350 00
Antoinette T. Smith, 38 weeks,	300 00
Cora F. May, 38 weeks,	190 00
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	450 00

Paid Annie Veazie, 38 weeks,	\$350 00
Nellie P. Henry, 38 weeks,	279 00
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	203 00
Sarah V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	304 00
Kittie E. Sheridan, 38 weeks,	311 00
Isabel C. Beal, 38 weeks,	266 00
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	266 00
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	215 00
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	266 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	310 50
Walter F. Brackett, instruction in drawing,	100 00
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	\$6,314 50
Appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,000 00
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	\$7,314 50

FOR FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	\$355 75
R. T. & E. Mann, wood,	19 88
Daniel Lahey, wood,	13 24
Sundry persons, for shavings and sawing wood,	21 20
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	\$410 07

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$227 00
Lawrence Ormsby,	35 00
Galen Hollis,	73 00
Clarence E. Beal,	5 00
George W. Bump,	20 00
Mrs. Moses Mann,	5 00
Charles R. Piper,	20 00
Charles E. Young,	15 00
Sundry persons, washing rooms,	12 25
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Total,	\$412 25

FURNITURE FOR AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing,	\$12 00
A. G. Whitcomb, supplies,	16 86
Charles H. Pope, repairing fence (3),	4 25
Carter, Rice & Co., 2 reams paper,	1 40
L. Prang & Co., books, etc.,	114 40
James F. Dargan, census of school children,	15 00
Chas. H. Howard, labor and material for fence (10),	26 85
Ginn Brothers, books, etc.,	97 72
Ginn & Heath, books, etc.,	7 20
Winslow Alden, repairs,	54 44
Knight, Adams & Co., books, etc.,	13 46
A. C. Stockin, books, etc.,	14 00
J. L. Hammett, books, etc.,	139 52
Brewer & Tileston, books, etc.,	86 77
Potter, Ainsworth & Co., books, etc.,	21 60
A. W. Lovering, gazetteer,	7 50
Maynard & Noyes, ink,	9 00
Nichols & Hall, books, etc.,	9 72
C. A. Wales, repairs and supplies,	57 94
John B. Thayer, repairs on cistern,	13 50
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	27 50
Chas. Prescott, supplies,	60
Ralph Houghton, repair chairs,	1 25
J. N. Bullock, horse hire,	5 00
James E. Nash, repairing clock,	5 35
W. E. Jewell, legal advice,	10 00
A. J. Gove, expressage,	12 05
Charles R. Piper, 1 broom,	40
Sundry persons, repairs,	1 75
James Sullivan, painting black-boards,	1 50
Patrick Feeny, use of well and shovelling snow,	8 00

Paid S. W. Willard, use of well 2 years,	\$6 00
Geo. W. Jones, “	3 00
Lawrence Hayes, “	3 00
Total,	<hr/> \$808 53

Included in the above is cash refunded to the town	
treasurer for books sold,	\$405 74
Stock of books on hand,	103 45
Total,	<hr/> \$509 19

TOTAL EXPENSE FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,314 50
Stetson High School,	1,000 00
Fuel,	410 07
Care of school-rooms,	412 25
Miscellaneous expenses,	808 53
Total,	<hr/> \$8,945 35

Respectfully,

JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A. M., *Chairman*,
M. A. DONOVAN,
WINSLOW BATTLES,

School Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF RANDOLPH:

Gentlemen, — The engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following report.

The expenses of the department have been as follows: —

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER, No. 1.

For the Year ending May 1, 1876.

Paid 24 men, services one year, \$7 each,	\$168 00
13 " one hour labor, at 25c.,	3 25
20 " two hours " " "	10 00
12 " three " " " "	9 00
22 " two " " " "	11 00
24 " one hour " " "	6 00
19 " four hours " " "	19 00
10 " one hour " " "	2 50

For the Year to March 1, 1877.

Paid N. E. Knight, steward's bill,	17 15
	\$245 85

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 2.

For the Year ending May 1, 1876.

Paid 50 men, services 1 year, \$7 each,	\$350 00
50 " 1 hour labor, at 25c.,	12 50
50 " 2 hours " " "	25 00
44 " 4 " " " "	44 00

Paid 40 men, 2 hours labor, at 25c.,	\$20 00
50 " 2½ " " " "	31 25
47 " 1 hour " " "	11 75
50 " 3 hours " " "	37 50
40 " 1 hour " " "	10 00

For the Year to March 1, 1877.

Paid Dan'l Twoomey, steward's bill,	15 75
John B. McGrane, " "	20 50
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	\$578 25

FEARLESS ENGINE, No. 3.

For the Year ending May 1, 1876.

Paid 49 men, services one year, \$7 each,	\$343 00
36 " 1 hour labor, at 25c.,	9 00
42 " 2 hours " " "	21 00
30 " 3 " " " "	22 50
42 " 2 " " " "	21 00
41 " 3 " " " "	30 75
41 " 1 hour " " "	10 25
44 " 3 hours " " "	33 00
18 " 1 hour " " "	4 50

For the Year to March 1, 1877.

Paid Wm. A. English, steward's bill,	37 57
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	\$532 57

FIRE KING ENGINE, No. 5.

For the Year ending May 1, 1876.

Paid 50 men, services one year, \$7 each,	\$350 00
50 " 4 hours labor, at 25c.,	50 00
32 " 1 hour " " "	8 00

For the Year to March 1, 1877.

Paid John T. Cartwright, steward's bill,	26 20
Geo. B. Dench, " "	15 50
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	\$449 70

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid C. E. Higgins, painting Fearless engine-house,	\$73 87
Walter Cartwright, repairs,	10 60
Thomas Fardy, repairs,	9 50
J. McMath, painting sign, Fearless Co.,	3 25
T. J. Hill, supplies,	7 09
Engineers' badges,	12 00
J. Clark, rent of land, Fearless house,	10 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, Independence house,	10 00
G. Keiley, lettering rubber coats,	5 94
Hyde & Co., torches,	7 50
American Rubber Co., 9 coats,	31 50
Wm. B. Brown, pole for H. & L. and painting,	16 50
“ “ repairs on Fire King,	5 50
G. H. & C. Prescott, supplies,	96
G. A. Burrell, removing snow,	1 50
S. Belcher, wood for Fire King,	2 75
J. Clark, wood and labor, Fearless,	4 73
Engineers' for supplies,	2 00
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	22 65
Thomas Fardy & Son, repairs,	10 15
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	23 50
C. A. Wales, supplies,	5 55
Daniel Kelliher, removing snow,	1 37
Wm. Campbell, repairs,	12 00
A. J. Gove, expressing,	6 60
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	\$297 01
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Total expense,	\$2,103 40

RECEIVED FOR RENT AND PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

For Independence Hall,	\$3 00
Fearless Hall,	10 20
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	\$13 20

ORGANIZATION.

The department was organized May 1, 1876, as follows: —

ENGINEERS.

WM. H. WARREN,* *Chief.*

LEVI WILBUR, E. E. LOTHROP, LOUIS GOERES, *Asst. Engineers.*

COMPANIES.

Pioneer Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 23 men, C. A. Wales, *Foreman.*

Independence Engine, No. 2, 50 men, Wm. Brennan, “

Fearless Engine, No. 3, 50 men, Myron W. Hollis, “

Fire King Engine, No. 5, 50 men, John Dooley, Jr., “

The death of Chief Engineer Wm. H. Warren, in August last, causing a vacancy in the department, John Dooley, Jr., was appointed an Engineer and Levi Wilbur was appointed Chief.

James H. Wales was chosen Foreman of the Fire King, *vice* Doo'ey, Jr, promoted.

The department has responded promptly to the following fires and alarms: —

April. Messrs Leonard & Lyons' mill; total loss; insured; cause not known. The whole department was present and worked.

April. A. G. Dean's bakery; damage small; insured; cause accidental. Whole department present; Fire King worked.

May. Two alarms. Mrs. Morgan's house, on Howard Street, and Wm. Frizzell's saloon, on Main Street. Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire King, and Independence out.

June. Fire at East Stoughton. Fire King and Pioneer Hook and Ladder went and worked.

July. Fire on Warren Street, James Blythe's house. Total loss, insured. Cause, incendiary. Independence, Pioneer, Hook and Ladder, and Fire King present, and worked.

August. Fire, house of Thos. J. Turpin. Total loss. Cause,

* Deceased.

incendiary. No engines present. Independence and Fearless started.

September. Fire on Mount Pleasant Square, shed of J. McCarty's. Cause, accidental. The whole department out. Fire King worked.

October. The collision on the Old Colony Railroad near the railroad station caused the calling out of the whole department. Fire King worked.

October. Fire at the depot some days after, car burned. Cause, incendiary. Fire King and Pioneer Hook and Ladder present and worked.

November. Fire in Holbrook. Fire King and Pioneer Hook and Ladder went and worked, Independence and Fearless responded.

December. Alarm, house on School Street. Fire King and Hook and Ladder out.

February, 1877. Alarm, no fire. Fire King and Hook and Ladder out.

CONDITION OF ENGINE HOUSES, FIRE APPARATUS, HOSE, ETC.

It has been the custom to paint one of the three houses each year, as by so doing, with other small repairs, they are kept in good condition.

FIRE ENGINES.

This year the Fire King and Independence engines should be repaired and painted, for which we recommend an extra appropriation.

HOSE.

For years past the department have had a fair supply of hose, but wear and tear has reduced the quantity on hand; *i. e.*, Independence to 350 feet; Fearless to 350 feet; in the Fire King house to 700 feet. Situated as we are on account of water supply, there should be 1,000 feet in the Fire King house and 450 feet on the other engines, for which an appropriation for 500 feet should be provided.

RESERVOIRS.

We recommend the renewal of the vote of the town, authorizing the construction of reservoirs on the payment of one half the cost thereof by the citizens in their several localities.

We also recommend the construction of a reservoir at the expense of the town in the yard of Prescott School-house, as the town has some twenty-five thousand dollars in value of property in that vicinity, which it is liable to lose in case of fire on account of the scarcity of water in that locality.

The Fire-Alarm Bell provided for the department not proving as satisfactory as anticipated, we recommend the exchange of the same for one of larger size, and that it may be placed on the Fire King engine-house.

PAY OF MEN.

Whatever the town sees fit to pay the men we do not ask for in the appropriation called for below, but it must be provided for by the town in addition. The department will probably consist of about 175 men.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In summing up, the amount asked for will consist as follows:—

For pay of men to be provided for by the town.

Reservoirs to be provided for by the town.

Hose, 500 feet,	\$600 00
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Repairing and painting engines,	200 00
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Incidental expenses,	300 00
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Respectfully submitted.

LEVI WILBUR,
E. E. LOTHROP,
LOUIS GOERES,
JOHN DOOLEY, JR.,

Engineers of Fire Department.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH, IN ACCOUNT WITH

Dr.

March 1, 1877.

Paid Treasury Note	\$5,000 00
Interest on Treasury Notes	2,566 00
Bank Tax	2,504 77
State Tax	2,466 00
Bank Tax	29 45
Turner Library, Dog Money, two years	806 47
Expense Account: stationery; stamps; T. Groom & Co.; Sextons, returning deaths; Town Clerk, collecting and recording births, marriages, and deaths; Town Clerk, on election returns	117 75
Treasurer's Salary	100 00
Town Orders, Nos. 1 to 483, inclusive	28,417 12
Corporation Tax	65 01
Balance	15,466 52

\$57,539 09

The subscribers, Auditors of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the town of Randolph, for the year ending March 1, 1877, have examined the accounts of Hiram C. Alden, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched, with suitable entries.

FRANK MORTON.
EDGAR HOWARD.
FRANKLIN PORTER.

RANDOLPH, March 13, 1877.

H. C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

Cr.

March 1, 1877.

Balance	\$16,729 59
Received Tax Bill, 1876,	29,391 98
Bank Dividends	96 00
of E. M. Roel, interest on tax, 1875	332 47
of H. B. Alden, " " 1874	157 56
of Richard Adams, interest	5 00
for Salt Grass	20 00
of County Treasurer, for Dog Licenses	379 33
for Rent of Fearless Engine Co.	10 20
for Rent of Independence Engine Co.	3 00
of State Treasurer, State School Fund	288 36
" " Corporation tax	1,745 88
" " State Aid	2,468 47
of School Committee, for school books sold	{ 28 97
	{ 376 77
H. L. Pierce, rent of Punkapog Pond	1 00
S. L. Smith, for tax on real estate sold	13 31
E. M. Roel, additional taxes, 1875	78 40
for State Aid, overdrawn	147 75
for Bills, refunded	20 00
of State Treasurer, National Bank tax	4,008 79
of town of Methuen, pauper	35 50
of town of Stoughton, pauper	10 00
of C. A. Wales, <i>et al.</i> , G. Noonan	56 04
from Town Farm	293 55
from town of Holbrook	841 27
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	\$57,539 09

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH:—

The undersigned, trustees of Stetson School Fund, beg leave to submit the following report. The fund remains invested as follows, viz.:—

10 Shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10 “ Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 “ Hide and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 “ Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 “ Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 “ Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 “ Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20 “ Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13 “ Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13 “ Randolph Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
	\$10,600

At the commencement of the school year, April 10, 1876, there were thirty-six applicants, nineteen of whom — nine boys and ten girls — were admitted upon written examination. At the opening of the September term one boy and two girls were admitted, being, upon examination, found qualified to enter existing Class No. 1, making the whole number of pupils for the year sixty-eight, — thirty-one boys and thirty-seven girls, — the attendance averaging $62\frac{5}{10}$. The school has been in session forty weeks, the full time prescribed for the year. Mr. V. H. Deane remains in charge, as principal, with the same degree of success that has attended his labors during all the many years in which he has occupied that position. Miss Clifton having resigned the position of assistant at the close of the last year, Miss Mary L. Prescott accepted an offer of the situation, which she filled ably and with entire satisfaction, till a tender of an increased salary elsewhere proved sufficiently

tempting to compel her resignation three days only before the September term would have commenced, causing, however, a delay of only one week in the opening of the school, the trustees having the good fortune, during that time, to secure the services of Miss Minnie E. Jones, of Milford, who now occupies the position. Miss Jones is a young teacher of marked ability, possessing great energy of character, as clearly evinced in the progress made by those pupils coming almost entirely under her instruction. A gradual though marked improvement has been noticeable in the deportment of the pupils throughout the year, as well as in general thoroughness and proficiency in the studies pursued, which has considerably raised the standing of the school; and although there is much yet to be done to restore it to the position it occupied before the practice of admitting pupils regardless almost of qualifications, which prevailed for several years previous to the last two, and which resulted very detrimentally, was adopted, we feel confident that the patient, persistent labor now being performed by the teachers will result in its restoration to the former status, which it is now rapidly approaching.

The trustees regret that they have not the means at command to enable them to provide for musical instruction, to any extent, in the school, even if the time could be profitably taken from that now devoted to other branches of instruction, usually considered more essential in a school of this grade and character, though this branch is not altogether neglected, as a small, though very good organ, has been purchased and placed in the room, and singing is daily engaged in, under the direction of the assistant, who, being an accomplished musician and teacher, both vocal and instrumental, voluntarily imparts such instruction in music as her other duties will permit, usually giving a short lesson each day; so that, notwithstanding the disadvantages labored under in this regard, a degree of proficiency has been attained by the pupils which renders their musical exercises very creditable to all concerned, and gratifying to the trustees and others who have listened to them.

Annexed hereto is a correct financial account of the receipts and expenditures for the year, which, we regret, exhibits a balance

against the treasury of two hundred and ninety-eight $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars, but which, as usual, has kindly been advanced by our treasurer, to meet the exigency, consequent, partly upon the decrease in income from our investments (which is but a realization of our apprehensions expressed in our last report), and in part from the refusal of the selectmen to defray a portion of the expense of the insurance on Stetson Hall, as has been their custom in years past, but discontinued in the present instance for reasons which we are unable to give.

The expenditures for carrying on the school are about the same as they were last year; and whilst the trustees have no doubt of their ability to keep them from any essential increase the ensuing year, they do not see any practicable means whereby they may be reduced, with justice to the educational interests of the town. With the foregoing facts in view, and the probabilities that the dividends on our stock will be less the ensuing year than they have been the present, we are obliged to ask the town to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars, which seems to be the least amount, in addition to the reasonably expected income from the fund, that can afford the means of paying the indebtedness of the treasury, the expenditures necessary for the repairs on the building, and for carrying on the school.

Here, perhaps, it is proper to add that the expense incurred in the maintenance of Stetson School is very much less than the cost of any similar school within the knowledge of the trustees, and they are not unadvised in the matter, but led to believe that the comparison will hold good in regard to any other in the State. The school for the ensuing year will commence on Monday, the 9th of April next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when applicants for admission will be examined.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,
DANIEL HOWARD,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1877.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH

1876.	Dr.	
March.	To Exchange Bank, dividend for April,	\$60 00
	Shoe and Leather Bank, " " "	30 00
	Shawmut " " " "	39 00
	Eliot " " " "	30 00
	Hide and Leather " " " "	30 00
	Boylston " " " "	40 00
	Old Boston " " " "	40 00
	Tremont " " " "	30 00
	Randolph " " " "	78 00
Aug. 29.	Town appropriation, in part,	500 00
Oct.	Exchange Bank, dividend for October,	60 00
	Shoe and Leather Bank, " " "	30 00
	Hide and Leather " " " "	25 00
	Old Boston " " " "	40 00
	Boylston " " " "	30 00
	Webster " " " "	20 00
	Shawmut " " " "	39 00
	Eliot " " " "	20 00
	Randolph " " " "	78 00
Dec.	Balance of town appropriation,	500 00
" 29.	Tax on bank stock refunded by State,	138 16
	Rent of bank room,	41 00
	" " hall during the year,	163 50
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		\$2,061 66
	Balance against the Fund,	298 10

\$2,359 76

THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

1876.	CR.	
March.	By balance against the fund for the year . . .	\$73 53
April.	paying Seth Mann, 2d, for nsurance . . .	39 50
	“ P. Reynolds for use of organ the year . . .	18 00
	“ Major Knapp & Co., for 50 diplomas . . .	25 00
June.	“ Mason, Hamlin & Co., for organ . . .	123 30
28.	“ V. H. Deane, salary, 3 months . . .	300 00
30.	“ Mary L. Prescott, salary to July 1st . . .	144 00
	“ Chas. H. Howard, bill sundries . . .	18 25
	“ Colin Boyd, labor and sundries . . .	25 90
Aug. 25.	“ R. W. Turner & Co., 10 tons coal . . .	75 00
Oct. 5.	“ V. H. Deane, 3 months' salary . . .	300 00
	“ “ chart and easel . . .	11 25
23.	“ H. B. Libby, labor and material . . .	32 39
Nov. 25.	“ Miss Minnie E. Jones, 11 weeks' salary . . .	132 00
27.	“ Colin Boyd, labor and material . . .	19 16
1877.		
Jan. 3.	“ V. H. Deane, 3 months' salary . . .	300 00
	“ “ bill, sundries . . .	12 75
23.	“ Chas. A. Wales, bill sundries . . .	9 47
Feb. 27.	“ Chas. H. Howard, “ . . .	3 50
	“ T. Fardy & Son, “ . . .	4 25
March.	“ Colin Boyd, bill, services . . .	17 16
10.	“ D. B. White & Co., bill sundries . . .	12 85
	“ V. H. Deane, bill, 3 m'ths' salary and repairs . . .	300 50
	“ Miss Minnie E. Jones, 16 weeks' salary . . .	192 00
	“ Trustees and secretary, bill, services for one year . . .	20 00
	“ S. A. Hayward, insurance in September . . .	150 00
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The undersigned, selectmen of Randolph, having made examination of the accounts of the trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as reported, find them correct. The balance against the fund is two hundred and ninety-eight and ten one-hundredths dollars (\$298 10). No change has been made in the past year in the investment, it being in the same bank stock as reported by the trustees, and at its par value amounts to \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
SETH MANN, 2d,
SIDNEY FRENCH,

Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1877.

TRUSTEES TURNER FREE LIBRARY, 1876-77.

SETH TURNER, *President.*J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President.*ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, REV. JAMES E. O'BRIEN,
REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.JOHN T. FLOOD, SETH MANN, 2D, SIDNEY FRENCH,
*Selectmen of Randolph, ex-officio.*JOHN L. FRENCH, BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, DANIEL HOWARD,
JOHN V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD.*Librarian,*
CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THE By-Laws of the trustees of the "Turner Library" provide that the "president shall annually make to the town, before the spring meeting, a full report in writing of the condition of the TRUST, the BUILDING, LIBRARY and FUNDS, . . . with the estimates and recommendations as he shall deem best." In compliance with the article quoted attention is called to

THE TRUST.

Of the donation forty thousand dollars was applied to the building and its general preparation for use, and ten thousand dollars placed in the hands of the trustees, who appropriated one half of the same to the purchase of books, etc., and the necessary furniture; the remainder was made a permanent fund and invested in a note of the Town of Randolph, bearing interest at six per centum per annum.

THE LIBRARY.

The library contains reference numbers, as catalogued, up to 4,523, and recent additions will make nearly 5,000 volumes in all. The selection of books has been made with great care, and their use has quite conclusively determined the satisfaction of patrons, the whole number of deliveries from the date of opening (March 22, 1876) to the 10th instant having been but a few volumes less than 22,000. The daily average has been nearly 80, while frequently the issue, especially on Saturdays, has exceeded 200 volumes, instancing the 10th of March, when 271 books were taken. Cards have been issued to 1,348 persons, nearly equally divided between the sexes. The records show that very much the larger portion of the books called consist of "Fiction," the proportion being something as follows: about three fourths "Fiction," the balance nearly equally divided between "Art," "Biography," "History," "Travel," and "Poetry." The trustees wish they could report a more favorable division, though they are confident other similar institutions disclose corresponding facts. They are satisfied in some measure in the reflection that the light literature upon the shelves is of the better class, and the general selection of books composing the library commended by many skilled in such matters.

The By-Laws demand an annual examination of the library, the condition of its books, etc., etc., in January, which has been complied with by the committee during a recess of two weeks. It is a pleasure to say that, while many volumes of a popular character disclose much hard usage, the number requiring rebinding is not unreasonably large, every volume but one having been returned to the shelves, and that "duly accounted for." The expenses incident to the equipment and operation will appear further on, in connection with the treasurer's statement. Before leaving this subject, it should be stated that in early February, after much skill and labor on the part of Mr. W. E. Foster, a complete catalogue was furnished and offered to the public at very moderate prices; and the trustees take this opportunity to express their hearty apprecia-

tion of Mr. Foster's ability in the premises. One thousand copies have been printed, of which one half are bound in three different styles, quite familiar to all; and it is hoped that readers of the books will not forget that, in the purchase of catalogues for reference at home, they provide in the purchase money aid in making accessions to the library. The temporary appointment of Dr. C. C. Farnham as librarian has been made permanent.

The building needs but a few words, only trifling repairs having been required, and the trustees anticipate very inconsiderable expenses under ordinary circumstances.

FUNDS.

Under this head the treasurer's statement following will best treat the subject. The accounts are made up to January 1, 1877, and cover all transactions since the payment of \$10,000 was made to the trustees. The cash on hand at the date mentioned was \$880.94, of which more than \$500 has been used on catalogue account, and nearly the entire balance in current expenses. The town will learn from the condensed statement of the treasurer the character of the expenses, and judge from the use of the library whether any aid it may vote will be worthily appropriated. Many outlays for the last year will not occur again, while others are continually arising, and possibly where least anticipated. The trustees hope from various resources to be able to add from \$500 to \$1,000 worth of books the current year, and beg the voters to remember that a reading public is never ready to cry "Enough!" In behalf of the trustees, an estimate of receipts for 1877 is presented: —

From Rents,	\$600	
Interest,	300	
Dog tax (about),	400	
	—	\$1,300

They also ask the town to make an appropriation of \$500, and further desire that any unexpended balance of the appropriation of

1875, made to furnish a portrait of the late Col. Royal Turner for the hall, may be placed in the trustees' hands to increase their purchasing power. Mr. R. M. Staigg has been engaged as artist, and it is expected the portrait will be in place about May 1 next.

It is not proposed to extend this already long report by any essay upon libraries, their uses and abuses, yet it could not but be a duty to present quite fully in this initial year the management by the trustees of the charge confided to their care, and it is hoped the earnest efforts made to satisfy the town have not been wholly unsuccessful. The experience of the year has better enabled them to understand the wants of the public, and all may feel assured that constant desire will be exercised to accomplish a faithful discharge of the duties imposed upon them in the future. A condensed statement of the treasurer's "Receipts and Expenditures" is here presented.

RECEIPTS.

Amount from the donation	\$10,000 00
" Daniel B. White and Co., for rent	658 33
" Randolph National Bank and Randolph Savings Bank, for rent	575 00
" Daniel B. White & Co., for heat and light . .	140 00
" the banks, for heat and light	130 00
" Royal W. Turner, for light	55 00
" Seth Turner, for light	60 00
" First Parish, for light	30 00
" town of Randolph, ten months' interest on note of \$5,000	250 00
" town of Randolph, for dog licenses, 1873, 1874, and 1875	1,236 84
" book fines in library	20 00

 \$13,155 17

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, periodicals, newspapers, etc., principally to Lockwood, Brooks & Co.	\$4,268 80
" S. H. L. Pierce and others, for bookcases, furniture, etc.	1,060 55
" Colin Boyd, as janitor	213 82
" sundry parties, for repairs	21 90
" for gasoline and lighting material	258 45
" for coal and wood	272 50
" for printing	29 00
" for insurance on books and fixtures	80 00
" for expressage	56 08
" for stationery	29 20
" for centennial appropriation	25 00
" D. B. White & Co., for sundries	23 80
" C. C. Farnham, for services as librarian	358 08
" in part for catalogues	500 00
" postage	50
" Shreve, Crump & Low, for gas fixtures	76 55
" town of Randolph, note (investment)	5,000 00
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	\$12,274 23
Balance of cash on hand	880 94
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	\$13,155 17

SETH TURNER,

President Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 12, 1877.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR 1876.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1876.			
Jan. 30.	Michael Galvin	Boston.	30
	Jennie Kinnier	Randolph.	26
Feb. 1.	Soriano M. Jones	Randolph.	39
	Mary E. Orcutt	"	23
March 20.	Samuel B. Hobart	Holbrook.	50
	Mary J. McKenzie	Abington.	46
April 26.	Aaron A. Prescott	Randolph.	60
	Sarah E. Veazie	"	41
May 3.	Gustavus Thayer	Randolph.	21
	Mary E. Freeman	"	17
May 13.	John T. Hews	Boston.	23
	Anna B. Pendergrass	Randolph.	19
May 23.	Patrick Kinnier	Randolph.	32
	Joanna C. Burke	"	25
May 31.	Albert Walker	Stoughton.	27
	Martha L. Burnham	"	18
June 3.	Charles Heney, Jr.	Randolph.	24
	Mary Ann Welch	"	24
June 7.	Loring Binney	Randolph.	72
	Mary A. French (Spear)	"	56
June 7.	Charles F. Saunders	Braintree.	22
	Abby H. Greene	Randolph.	19
June 20.	John J. Eaton, Jr.	Arlington.	40
	Alice J. French	Randolph.	22
June 21.	Lewis J. Houghton	Dedham.	36
	H. Augusta Kingsbury	Randolph.	23
July 11.	Asa R. Howard	Easton.	72
	Ruth Mann (Howard)	Randolph.	67
July 21.	William E. Bernard	Holbrook.	20
	Rosa Thayer	Randolph.	19
August 1.	William N. T. Dean	Fall River.	30
	Clara F. Copeland	Holden, Me.	26
August 26.	Benjamin D. Gilbert	Weymouth.	24
	Ada L. Alexander	Randolph.	17
Sept. 30.	John Moore	Randolph.	40
	Agnes S. Stevens	"	39

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1876. — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1876.			
Sept. 27.	Sanford H. Leach	Randolph.	23
	Abby A. Beal	"	20
Sept. 28.	Charles A. Jones	Stoughton.	20
	Sylvia E. Sewell	Brockton.	20
Oct. 5.	Owen Nally	Randolph.	44
	Bridget Elmore	Boston.	44
Oct. 11.	Asa H. Bates	Holbrook.	24
	Anna C. Wallace	"	18
Oct. 22.	Edward P. Curran	Randolph.	22
	Sarah J. Hayes	"	19
Oct. 30.	John B. McGraue	Randolph.	28
	Bridget Donnelly	"	25
Nov. 3.	William H. Spear	Randolph.	23
	Susau Dillon	Holbrook.	17
Nov. 4.	Franklin W. Hayden	Braintree.	22
	Ida A. McCarty	Randolph.	20
Nov. 6.	John B. Sutherland	South Abington.	26
	Margaret A. English	Randolph.	21
Nov. 7.	Henry J. Dyer	Holbrook.	22
	Hattie C. Noyes	Randolph.	18
Nov. 26.	William H. Hurley	Randolph.	25
	Catharine J. Hogan	"	20
Nov. 29.	Patrick Brady	Randolph.	29
	Margaret Powers	"	27
Nov. 29.	Marton Holbrook	Randolph.	30
	Malinda C. Hollis	"	16
Nov. 29.	Samuel A. Allen	Randolph.	21
	Abbie D. Stetson	"	18
Nov. 29.	Herbert W. Richardson	Braintree.	22
	Sarah F. Bump	"	18
Nov. 29.	C. Edson Tucker	Randolph.	28
	Mary E. Abenzellar	"	22
Dec. 13.	Ezra Holbrook	Randolph.	24
	Matilda Bergerson	"	24
Dec. 23.	Nicholas J. Powers	Chicago.	25
	Anna M. Hamilton	Randolph.	30

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR 1876.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1876.					
Jan.	2. Ruth Wales	87	4	7	Old Age.
"	9. Elizabeth F. Arnold		4	24	Spina Bifida.
Feb.	18. Horace H. Bryant	25		22	Consumption.
"	18. James Maguire	69	3	27	Paralysis.
"	22. Edmund Meaney	82			Old Age.
"	26. Henry M. Thayer	49	9	7	Heart Disease.
March	6. Jesse F. Grendell	41	8	3	Consumption.
"	9. Frederick A. White	30	8		Drowned.
"	9. Abigail E. Mann	59	7	2	Dropsy.
"	11. Kiley			5	Infantile.
"	17. Catharine Kiley	31	4		Puerperal Mania.
"	19. Bridget Morris	64			Lung Disease.
"	22. Eliza H. Thayer	59	4	23	Locomotor Ataxy.
"	31. Nelson Knight	64	6	9	Bright's Disease.
April	10. Harvey Wilbur	6	11	25	Inflammation Brain.
"	20. James Harris	29	8	1	Consumption.
"	27. Joseph P. Bicknell	65	4	10	Pneumonia.
May	1. Michael Mahoney	80			Dropsy.
"	2. Daniel A. Turpin	11	3	11	Hanging—Suicide.
"	12. Catharine Mulvaney	78			Old Age.
"	15. Sarah M. French	16	6	15	Typhoid Pneumonia.
"	18. Charles McGinnis	50			Purpura Hæmorrhagica.
"	28. Willie C. Smith		4	23	Infantile.
June	1. Bessie Stetson		4	1	do.
"	2. Rachel G. Clark	85	1	8	Old Age.
"	3. Nash			1	Infantile.
"	17. Olive Dyer	71	2	1	Cancer.
"	28. Joel Holbrook 2d	42		23	Apoplexy.
July	12. Annie G. Thayer	1	1	23	Infantile.
"	14. LeRoy D. Tileston	1	1	28	Cholera Infantum.
"	14. Sally F. Alden	71	5	21	Apoplexy.
"	17. Catharine O'Connor	2	2	29	Infantile.
"	20. Nellie Mahoney		11	23	do.
Aug.	2. John Alden	76	7	18	Kidney Disease.
"	3. William H. Warren	48	7	27	Both Lungs diseased.
"	19. Mary F. Clark	2	4		Congestion Brain.
"	20. Marietta Faunce	31	7	23	Consumption.
"	25. Benjamin Wheeler	69	5	11	Heart Disease.
"	25. Polly Howard	67	5	19	Intestinal Stoppage.
"	28. Alexander S. McWilliams	1	11	7	Septicæmia.
"	30. John Kane	65			Congestion Brain.
Sept.	6. Ann M. Graham	41	2	10	Consumption.
"	7. Amy Parker		1		Cholera Infantum.
"	11. Laura A. Taber	32	4	14	Exposure, Convulsions.
Oct.	5. Mary Bohan	78	10	2	Cancer of Stomach.
"	9. Samuel Cheesman	89	1	12	Old Age.
"	13. Thomas Abbott	20	3	13	Railroad collision.
"	21. Alonzo F. Buckley	20	10	7	Typhoid Fever.
Nov.	10. Annie C. Eddy		9	6	Scrofula.
"	15. Rose O'Reilly	50	2		Consumption.
"	17. Louisa D. Belcher	59	7	17	Scrofula.
"	17. William Barry	8	4	13	Croup.
"	19. William McMath	45		16	Colica Metallica.
"	20. Ellen Uniack	3	4	17	Croup.
"	21. Helen A. Gould	51	3	18	Fibrous Tumor.
"	24. Mary A. Gerrald	44	3		Pneumonia.
"	27. Etta M. Locke		9		Hydrocephalus.
Dec.	3. Sally Mann	92	1	27	Old Age.
"	4. Jessie Clark	4	3	29	Diphtheritic Croup.
"	5. John F. Flynn Jr.	20	8	24	Diabetes Mellitus.
"	8. Joseph A. Boyle	38	9	2	Phthisis.
"	11. Prescott E. Wilbur	65	2	28	Heart Disease.
"	14. Thomas Harris, Jr.	4	2		Diphtheria.
"	24. Donald G. Clark	7	1	6	do.
March	31. Barnabas Lothrop	62	6	19	Pneumonia.
May	28. Annie H. Wilkins	17	3	6	Consumption Bowels.
July	16. Jennie A. Thayer				Consumption.
Aug.	19. Mary I. Stark	29	2	13	do.
Sept.	23. Mary B. Walsh	25	7	27	do.

Whole number of deaths recorded, 69; males, 34; females, 35.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Typhoid Pneumonia; Spina Bifida; Paralysis; Drowned; Suicide; Puerperal Mania;
 Locomotor Ataxy; Bright's Disease; Inflammation of Brain; Cancer; Purpura Hæmorrhagica;
 Kidney Disease; Abscess of Lungs; Intestinal Stoppage; Septicæmia; Convulsions;
 Cancer of Stomach; Railroad Collision; Typhoid Fever; Colica Metallica; Fibrous Tumor;
 Hydrocephalus; Diabetis Mellitus; Phthisis; Consumption of Bowels,—1 each.

Dropsy; Apoplexy; Cholera Infantum; Congestion of Brain; Scrofula; Diphtheria,—
 2 each.

Heart Disease; Pneumonia; Croup,—3 each.

Old Age, 6; Infantile, 7; Consumption, 10.

Under 5 years of age	13
Between 5 and 10	3
10 and 20	3
20 and 30	7
30 and 40	5
40 and 50	7
50 and 60	6
60 and 70	9
70 and 80	5
80 and 90	5
Over 90	1

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I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. C. ALDEN, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

To HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph, in said County*, GREETING:

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the second day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting. Also, a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 5. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses of the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof.

ART. 6. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation of the same.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and the pay of engine men, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the construction of one or more reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as prepared by the selectmen and posted according to law.

ART. 11. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post, No. 110.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to pay to the committee chosen by the town at its last annual meeting, the amount of money expended and paid by them in excess of the appropriation, in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, amounting to about two hundred and fifty dollars.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising money and making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library. Also, to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses, and the balance which may remain from the appropriation for a portrait of Royal Turner, Esq., deceased, to the use of the public library.

ART. 15. To see if the town will permit, for burial purposes, the use of the land now enclosed for burial-grounds on North Street, the one called the Central Cemetery, and the other the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, and if they will permit R. T. and E. Mann to add to the old cemetery at West Corners land of theirs which adjoins the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town is in favor of the granting the use of Stetson Hall for temperance meetings free of charge.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize and appoint selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend,

compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested, as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after Oct. 10, 1877.

ART. 20. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To act any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Randolph, this nineteenth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
SETH MANN, 2D,
SIDNEY FRENCH,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy. Attest,

HENRY H. FRANCIS,
Constable of Randolph.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1877-78.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN T. FLOOD. JAMES A. TOWER. DANIEL HOWARD.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

School Committee.

JAMES E. O'BRIEN, A. M., Resigned Sept. 1, 1877.
JAMES MOLLOY, Term expires April 1, 1878.
WINSLOW BATTLES, " " " 1, 1879.
JAMES A. TOWER, " " " 1, 1880.

Trustees of Stetson-School Fund.

DANIEL HOWARD, Term expires April 1, 1878.
T. T. CUSHMAN, " " " 1, 1879.
CHARLES H. HOWARD, " " " 1, 1880.

Auditors.

FRANK MORTON. HALE S. HOWARD. V. H. DEANE.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL. E. R. PAYNE. LEVI WILBUR.
JAMES E. NEARY. FRANK J. DONAHUE. JAMES FRIZZELL.
HENRY FRANCIS.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL. ADAM F. JONES. GEORGE S. WILBUR.

Engineers of Fire Department.

EDWARD E. LOTHROP, *Chief Engineer.* JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Clerk.*
LEVI WILBUR. LOUIS GOERES.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

FRANCIS W. BIRD, of Walpole. JOHN T. FLOOD, of Randolph.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In accordance with their duty, the Selectmen of the town of Randolph respectfully submit the annual report of appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1878.

In addition to the duties annually incumbent upon the Board, it has, this year, been called upon, in conjunction with the Selectmen of adjoining towns, to perambulate and determine the bounds of the town lines; also, in conformity with legislative acts of last year, to exercise a general supervision over the repairs of highways, and to prepare a register of all voters, with their places of residence, occupation, and such other facts as would tend to establish the complete identity of all persons qualified to vote at elections.

APPROPRIATIONS,

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE TAX, AND EXPENSE
OF WIDENING SOUTH MAIN STREET, AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS.

For schools,	\$8,600 00
Stetson High School,	950 00
repairs of highways,	3,000 00
reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
fire department,	3,200 00
reservoir Prescott School-house yard,	500 00
Grand Army,	100 00
Turner Free Library,	500 00
county tax,	2,109 72
State tax,	2,055 00
widening South Main Street,	1,415 31
Total,	\$33,430 03

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1, 1877.

Real estate,	\$1,464,030 00
Personal estate,	665,125 00
Bank stock owned by residents of Randolph, and taxed by the State,	306,326 54
Corporation stock owned by residents of Randolph, and taxed by the State,	116,560 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,552,041 54</u>

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1877, \$12 on \$1,000.

Average rate in the State, May 1, 1877, \$12.84 on \$1,000.

Population of Randolph, May 1, 1875,	4,064
Number of polls, May 1, 1877,	1,254
of dwellings,	756
of horses,	302
of cows,	260
of acres of land taxed 1877,	5,805

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN,
MARCH 1, 1877.

Alms-house property and farm,	\$10,500 00
Town-house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses, and lock-up,	4,200 00
Two fire-engines, hook-and-ladder carriage, apparatus, and fixtures,	2,125 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres of salt-marsh,	600 00
School-houses and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
" " District No. 3,	1,350 00
" " District No. 5,	1,200 00
" " District No. 6,	1,650 00
" " District No. 8,	6,000 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00

School-house and land, District No. 10,	\$5,750 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank,	1,600 00
Stetson-school Fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner Free Library building and land,	40,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library Fund,	5,000 00
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Total,	\$130,775 00

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$34,639.23 ; viz.,—

On account of schools (teaching, fuel, and care of rooms),	\$7,353 68
of Stetson High School,	950 00
of repairs and incidental expenses,	1,920 89
of highways,	2,731 01
of South Main Street,	1,415 31
of removing snow,	475 52
of funeral expenses,	353 25
of State aid,	2,158 50
of fire department,	3,350 56
of abatement of taxes,	467 97
of town officers,	1,585 66
of portrait of late Col. Royal Turner,	1,500 00
of reservoir, Prescott School-house yard,	500 00
of miscellaneous expenses,	1,717 44
of poor in almshouse,	2,044 55
of poor out of almshouse,	2,902 31
of poor belonging to Randolph and Hol- brook (military),	1,720 84
of poor of other towns,	1,240 64
of State paupers and tramps,	251 10
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Total,	\$34,639 23

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills, by direction of School Committee, for financial year ending March 1, 1878. For items, see report of School Committee.

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,580 77
for fuel,	368 10
for care of rooms,	404 81
Appropriation for Stetson High School,	950 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,920 89
Total,	<hr/> \$10,224 57

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$9,550 00
State School Fund,	242 32
Coddington Fund,	126 00
Total,	<hr/> \$9,918 32

Expenditures more than appropriations, \$306 25

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

*Repairs under the Direction of Surveyors.*DISTRICT NO. 1, ISAAC N. LINFIELD, *Surveyor*.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield, team-work, 28½ days,	\$114 00
Ephraim Mann, " 7¼ days, 2 horses	
and man,	43 50
Charles H. Mann, team-work, 3 days, two horses	
and man,	18 00
Richard Adams, team-work, 3 days,	12 00
John Wales, " 3 "	12 00
Richard Forrest, labor, 16½ "	30 06
Leonard Thayer, " 10½ "	21 00
Timothy O'Neil, " 9 "	18 00

Paid William Broad, labor,	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	.	.	.	\$16 25
Thomas Duff, "	7 $\frac{1}{17}$ "	.	.	.	13 87
Bernard O'Flaherty, labor,	4 "	.	.	.	8 00
John Crosby, "	3 "	.	.	.	6 00
William Barry, "	3 "	.	.	.	6 00
Dennis Sullivan, "	3 "	.	.	.	6 00
Michael Buckley, "	2 "	.	.	.	4 00
Jedediah French, "	2 "	.	.	.	4 00
Michael O'Keefe, "	2 "	.	.	.	4 00
Thomas Prior, "	1 "	.	.	.	2 00
John Gill, 2d, "	1 "	.	.	.	2 00
John Hayward, "	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	9 63
Kelliher boy, "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	6 50
Sullivan boy, "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	1 50
James Smith, "	1 "	.	.	.	75
B. L. Wales, "	380 loads gravel,	.	.	.	40 25
Isaac N. Linfield, use of plough, .	.	.	.	.	1 00
William Campbell, repairing tools, .	.	.	.	.	3 25
Total, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	\$403 56

MAPLE STREET.

Under the Direction of MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, 2 horses and man,	\$31 00
Ephraim Mann, team-work, 1 day, 2 horses and man,	6 00
Martin P. Pike, team-work, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	54 00
Jedediah French, labor, 13 "	26 00
Charles M. Holbrook, labor, 12 days,	24 00
Lewis Jones, " 11 "	22 00
Noah Chessman, " 11 "	22 00
John Desmond, " 8 "	16 00
Daniel Kiley, " 2 "	4 00
Austin Roel, for blasting,	15 02
B. L. Wales, 59 loads gravel,	5 90
Wm. Campbell, iron posts, &c., for railing, . .	14 00

Paid L. R. Peterson, labor on railing,	\$1 25
Martin P. Pike, carting railing,	1 00
Loud & Pratt, lumber,	4 65
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Total,	\$246 82
CR. By loam sold,	3 50
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Total,	\$243 32

DISTRICT NO. 3, GEORGE S. WILBUR, *Surveyor*.

Paid Ephraim Mann, team-work, $10\frac{1}{4}$ days, 2 horses and 2 men,	\$76 50
Josiah Clark, team-work, 2 days,	8 00
George S. Wilbur, labor, $20\frac{1}{2}$ days,	41 00
Delazon D. Mann, " 11 "	22 00
Rob't Piper and boy, " 6 "	19 50
Charles Bean, " $5\frac{1}{2}$ "	8 25
E. Glover, " 4 "	6 00
Ansel Mann, " 4 "	8 00
Ansel Mann, Jr., " 4 "	8 00
Moses Mann, " 3 "	6 00
William Tilson, " 1 "	1 50
Ansel Mann, " 85 loads gravel,	8 50
Ephraim Mann, " 39 "	3 90
M. Day, for drain-pipe,	4 95
George S. Wilbur, expressage on drain-pipe,	1 50
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Total,	\$223 60

DISTRICT NO. 5, MARTIN L. EDDY, *Surveyor*.

Paid R. A. Thayer, team-work, $10\frac{3}{5}$ days,	\$40 60
Martin P. Pike, " 3 "	12 00
Wm. F. Kennedy, " 5 "	20 00
Seth Mann, " 2 "	7 00
Martin L. Eddy, labor, 23 "	46 01
Munroe J. Dyer, " $8\frac{7}{10}$ "	16 70
Lewis K. Stetson, " 5 "	9 50

Paid James M. Dyer, labor,	12	days,	.	.	.	\$22 63
Sylvanus Thayer, "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	.	.	7 00
Abel Stetson, "	2	"	.	.	.	2 62
Noah Chessman, "	4	"	.	.	.	7 75
Silas Binney, "	1	"	.	.	.	2 00
Charles Bump, "	1	"	.	.	.	2 00
Eli Eddy, "	1	"	.	.	.	1 75
Cyrus M. Eddy, "	1	"	.	.	.	1 75
Roswald Eddy, "	2	"	.	.	.	2 00
Martin L. Eddy, picking stones,	.	.	.	.	.	2 95
Royal S. Holbrook, for 195 loads gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	19 50
Martin L. Eddy,	255	"	.	.	.	19 90
Amasa Clark,	96	"	.	.	.	9 60
William Kennedy, bridge stone,	3 00
Charles Prescott, for spikes,	25
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Total,	\$256 51

DISTRICT NO. 6, JOHN S. ABBOTT, *Surveyor*.

Paid A. J. Towns, team-work, 2 days, 2 horses and						
2 men,	.	.	.	.	.	\$14 00
Alfred Tucker, team-work, 4 days,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Elbridge Jones, "	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	.	.	.	15 75
George W. Abbott, "	4	"	.	.	.	12 00
George A. Faunce, "	2 $\frac{9}{10}$	"	.	.	.	8 70
Rufus Jones, "	1 $\frac{2}{10}$	"	.	.	.	3 40
Walter Tucker, "	1	"	.	.	.	3 00
Lawrence J. White, "	1	"	.	.	.	3 00
John S. Abbott, for labor,	15 $\frac{4}{10}$	"	.	.	.	30 80
Rufus Jones, "	7 $\frac{9}{10}$	"	.	.	.	15 30
George A. Faunce, "	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	.	.	11 75
Maurice Kiley, "	6 $\frac{3}{10}$	"	.	.	.	11 25
Michael Lagan, "	5	"	.	.	.	9 12
Walter Thayer, "	5	"	.	.	.	7 50
Sampson Fletcher, "	3	"	.	.	.	6 00
Joseph Crosby, "	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	.	.	5 55
Lawrence J. White, "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	.	.	4 00

Paid William Shields, for labor,	2 days,	.	.	.	\$3 50
Charles McAuley,	"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	3 25
Walter Tucker,	"	2	"	.	3 00
Andrew Lennon,	"	2	"	.	3 00
Peter Sutton,	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	2 25
Franklin McAuley,	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	2 25
Alfred Tucker,	"	1	"	.	1 75
James Barry,	"	1	"	.	1 75
David Barry,	"	1	"	.	1 75
Patrick Lennon,	"	1	"	.	1 50
John Sutton,	"	1	"	.	1 50
John Kiley,	"	1	"	.	1 50
Jeremiah Shields,	"	1	"	.	1 50
Elbridge Jones,	"	1	"	.	1 50
James Kinsley,	"	1	"	.	1 50
George W. Abbott,	"	1	"	.	1 00
William Kinsley,	"	2	"	.	1 50
James Riley,	"	2	"	.	1 50
Lawrence Sutton,	"	1 $\frac{6}{10}$	"	.	1 35
Burleigh Faunce,	"	1	"	.	75
Rufus Jones, for bridge stone,	.	.	.	.	10 00
Owen Neary, for bridge stone and labor,	.	.	.	.	7 30
D. G. Corliss & Co., for stone,	.	.	.	.	5 00
Frederic Chandler, for 48 loads of gravel,	.	.	.	.	2 40
Joseph Mann, for 47	"	"	.	.	2 35
John Manning, for 21	"	"	.	.	1 05
Thomas B. Jones, for 21	"	"	.	.	1 05
John S. Abbott, for powder and drills,	.	.	.	.	1 60
William Campbell, for repairing tools,	.	.	.	.	1 54
William Campbell, for painting signs,	.	.	.	.	2 50
Total,	.	.	.	.	\$245 51

DISTRICT NO. 7, JACKSON BELCHER, *Surveyor*.

Paid Jackson Belcher, team-work, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ days,	.	.	\$67 50
Richard Adams, " 2 "	.	.	7 00
John Gill, for labor, 16 "	.	.	32 00

Paid Daniel Elliott, for labor,	9 $\frac{1}{4}$ days,	.	.	\$18 50
Thomas Prior,	" 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	14 50
Bernard O'Flaherty,	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	13 00
Eugene Sullivan,	" 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	7 00
William Gill,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	5 00
Jackson Belcher,	" 1 "	.	.	2 00
Old Colony R. R. Co., for 40 loads of gravel,		.	.	3 20
Jackson Belcher, for 20 " "		.	.	1 60
N. F. Roel, blasting rocks,		.	.	5 00
Nathaniel Noyes, Jr., for railing,		.	.	2 00
Thomas Fardy & Son, for repairing tools,		.	.	1 25
William B. Brown, for handle of pick,		.	.	40
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Total,	.	.	.	\$179 95

DISTRICT NO. 8, DANIEL LEAHY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Daniel Leahy, team-work, 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	.	.	.	\$113 00
George Leahy,	" 22 "	.	.	77 00
Thomas Good,	" 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	57 75
Jackson Belcher,	" 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	47 78
John Gill, for labor,	34 "	.	.	68 00
Timo. M. O'Neil,	" 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	63 00
William Gill,	" 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	30 50
Bernard O'Flaherty,	" 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	29 50
James Harris,	" 11 $\frac{6}{10}$ "	.	.	24 20
John Friel,	" 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	23 50
Eugene Sullivan,	" 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	22 50
John Desmond,	" 9 $\frac{9}{10}$ "	.	.	19 80
John Gill, 2d,	" 9 "	.	.	18 00
James Lyons,	" 8 "	.	.	16 00
Patrick Flood,	" 5 "	.	.	10 00
Daniel Leahy,	" 5 "	.	.	10 00
Jackson Belcher,	" 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	6 50
Edmund Burke,	" 3 "	.	.	6 00
Thos. Cunningham,	" 3 "	.	.	3 00
Patr'k McGarrigle,	" 3 "	.	.	3 00
James O'Brien,	" 3 "	.	.	3 00

Paid John Desmond, for labor, 1 day,	\$1 00
Richard Keith, " 1 "	1 00
William Shepard, " 1 "	1 00
James Trainor, " 1 "	1 00
Thomas Farrell, " 1 "	1 00
Austin Roel, for labor and drills,	3 50
B. L. Wales, for 672 loads of gravel,	67 20
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber,	13 85
Thomas Fardy & Son, for posts and bolts,	2 50
D. B. White & Co., for nails,	80
William Campbell, for repairs,	75
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Total,	\$745 63

WARREN-STREET RAILING, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, 3 days,	\$12 00
Charles M. Holbrook, for labor, 3 days,	6 00
George W. Peirce, " $1\frac{4}{5}$ "	3 60
Jedediah French, " $\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 50
Richard Blanche, "	3 80
L. R. Peterson, "	1 25
William Campbell, for posts and repairing tools,	27 50
J. B. Rhines, for lumber,	14 25
D. B. White & Co., for nails,	24
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Total,	\$70 14

BRIDGE, NORTH STREET, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, 5 days,	\$20 00
Charles M. Holbrook, for labor, 6 days,	12 00
Jedediah French, " 5 "	10 00
George W. Peirce, " $4\frac{4}{5}$ "	8 80
Daniel Kiley, " 4 "	8 00
George B. Dench, " 4 "	8 00
Lewis Jones, " 4 "	7 00
John Desmond, " 4 "	7 00
Martin P. Pike, " 1 "	2 00

Paid Edward A. Perry, for lumber and work, . . .	\$1 75
John B. Thayer, for lumber,	1 70
Thomas Fardy & Son, for grating and repairing tools,	1 65
Total,	\$87 90

DISTRICT NO. 10, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 7 days, 2 horses and man,	\$42 00
Martin P. Pike, " 8 "	32 00
R. T. & E. M. Mann, team-work, 1 day, 2 horses and man,	6 00
Daniel Kelliher, team-work, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 50
Jedediah French, for labor, $8\frac{8}{9}$ "	17 20
Charles M. Holbrook, for labor, $8\frac{6}{9}$ days,	17 20
Daniel Kiley, " $8\frac{3}{4}$ "	17 50
Noah Chessman, " $9\frac{1}{9}$ "	16 20
Lewis Jones, " $8\frac{6}{9}$ "	15 20
John Desmond, " $8\frac{6}{9}$ "	15 20
George W. Peirce, " $7\frac{6}{9}$ "	15 20
Michael Lagan, " $7\frac{6}{9}$ "	13 45
Patrick Flood, " $6\frac{6}{9}$ "	11 70
Walter Jones, " $5\frac{1}{9}$ "	9 95
Robert E. Weaver, " $2\frac{6}{9}$ "	4 70
Robert Graham, " $1\frac{2}{9}$ "	2 15
Mason Lovering, " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 00
Wales French, " $\frac{1}{4}$ "	50
Martin P. Pike and others, picking stones,	10 29
Charles Belcher, for 115 loads gravel,	12 65
Daniel Kiley, " 103 "	10 30
Total,	\$274 89

SOUTH MAIN STREET, *under the direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 10 days, 2 horses and man,	\$60 00
Peter A. Wales, " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " 2 "	9 00
Ephraim Mann, " 1 "	6 00

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 1 day,	\$4 00
Martin P. Pike, " 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	194 00
Ephraim Wales, " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2 00
William Broad, " 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	9 55
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	95 00
John Desmond, " 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	95 00
Jedediah French, " 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	95 00
C. M. Holbrook, " 45 $\frac{13}{20}$ "	91 30
Patrick Flood, " 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	89 00
Robert Graham, " 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	89 00
Noah Chessman, " 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	83 00
Michael Lagan, " 40 $\frac{1}{10}$ "	80 20
Robt. E. Weaver, " 37 $\frac{3}{10}$ "	74 30
Geo. W. Peirce, " 34 $\frac{4}{10}$ "	68 80
Lewis Jones, " 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	63 00
F. W. Blanchard, " 26 $\frac{6}{10}$ "	53 20
A. J. Gove, " for rendrock and caps,	30 00
Geo. H. Sampson, " for powder-fuse, &c.,	10 00
G. A. Tolman, for grading,	40 00
Eleazer Beal, for surveying,	21 00
B. L. Wales, for 210 loads of gravel,	21 00
Wm. Tucker, for 148 "	9 42
A. Mann, for bridge stone,	5 50
A. Pratt, for ploughing,	2 00
A. Wait, for sharpening tools,	5 03
D. G. Corliss & Co., sharpening tools,	4 54
Thomas Fardy & Son, "	1 05
Blasting, and damage,	3 17
Moses Beal, use of team,	1 25
Total,	\$1,415 31

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others,	\$72 38
George S. Wilbur, "	104 00
John S. Abbott, "	91 65
Daniel Leahy, "	98 77

Paid Martin P. Pike, and others,	\$36 65
Martin L. Eddy, "	31 25
Jackson Belcher, "	30 02
A. J. Gove,	7 00
Royal T. Mann,	1 80
James H. Wales,	2 00
Total,	<hr/> \$475 52

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 105 funerals,	\$315 00
Ralph Houghton, for returning deaths,	32 25
Ralph Houghton, summoning medical examiner,	6 00
Total,	<hr/> \$353 25

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State),	\$2,158 50
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see, for items, Engineer's Report),	\$3,350 56
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for year 1876,	\$155 57
Edson M. Roel, " 1877,	312 40
Total,	<hr/> \$467 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for year ending March 1, 1876,	\$10 00
Engineers Fire Department (salary and cash paid), to May 1, 1876,	80 00
Edson M. Roel, collector of taxes, year 1877,	296 91

Paid James E. O'Brien, A. M., School Committee, to Sept. 1, 1877,	\$75 00
Michael A. Donovan, School Committee, 1876-77, .	26 25
James Molloy, School Committee, . 1877-78, .	35 00
Winslow Battles, School Committee, . 1877-78, .	95 00
James A. Tower, School Committee, . 1877-78, .	142 50
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
James A. Tower, services as Selectman, Assessor, and overseer of the poor,	275 00
Daniel Howard, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,585 66

COL. ROYAL TURNER PORTRAIT.

Paid Richard M. Staigg, for painting portrait, . .	\$800 00
Williams and Everett, for frame and hanging, .	92 43
Turner Free Library, balance of appropriation, as per vote,	607 57
Total,	<hr/> \$1,500 00

RESERVOIR PRESCOTT SCHOOL-HOUSE YARD.

Paid John B. Thayer, for constructing reservoir, as per contract,	\$465 00
Daniel Leahy, for grading in part,	35 00
Total,	<hr/> \$500 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Edward A. Perry, for flagstaff,	\$10 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1,300 town reports, .	170 50
Daniel H. Huxford, printing 100 school reports, .	8 00

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing warrants, tax-bills, and notices,	\$49 50
Colin Boyd, care of Selectmen's room,	25 00
Colin Boyd, care of hall for town meetings, . . .	5 00
Colin Boyd, labor and repairs, and preparing wood,	7 35
Turner Free Library, as per vote,	500 00
Committee on Celebration, July 4, 1876, balance of expenses,	248 14
Grand Army Post 110, per vote,	100 00
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	144 00
J. White Belcher, insurance,	88 95
Special police, July 4,	57 00
Daniel Leahy, grading Prescott school-house yard,	40 00
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for town offi- cers,	34 00
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for county commissioners,	11 25
James N. Bullock, for care and horse hire, . . .	17 50
Daniel Leahy, for wood for Selectmen's room, . .	13 50
Messrs. Tower & Howard, bills, cash paid, . . .	26 40
Benjamin Wells, for flag,	28 00
William Campbell, for repairs on hearse, . . .	16 00
Ralph Houghton, for repairs on hearse, . . .	11 84
Ward & Gay, for order-books and paper, . . .	18 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for lock-up,	11 00
A. J. Gove, expressage,	15 65
Kelliher & Moran, for labor on Warren Street, .	11 00
Thomas Farrell, services as constable on town business,	8 50
Henry H. Francis, services as constable on town business,	5 00
T. Ware & Co., for book,	7 00
John G. Poole, postage,	8 11
Edward A. Perry, for labor and box,	5 35
Sampson & Davenport, for directory,	3 00
Thomas Groom, for tax-book,	2 00
H. O. Hildreth, for Norfolk County Manual, . .	2 00

Paid M. R. Warren, stationery,	\$2 25
F. G. Tilton, stationery,	1 00
Henry B. Peirce, register,	1 60
Franklin Porter, stationery,	2 20
Charles A. Wales, for merchandise and repairs on pump,	1 30
D. B. White, for merchandise,	55
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Total,	\$1,717 44

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The amount expended for aid to the poor out of the almshouse has been somewhat in excess of that disbursed for the same purpose last year, in consequence of the general dulness of business which we are experiencing in common with the whole country, and which has deprived very many of our citizens wholly or in part of labor, their only means of supporting themselves, compelling them to accept the only course left to "keep the wolf from the door"; and justice prompts us to here say, that, with the great majority, this source of relief is resorted to with much regret, and that the demands made are not unreasonable. These demands have only been met after the most careful investigation into the circumstances attending each individual case, which has justified the aid rendered. We call attention to the fact, that sickness has prevailed to a much greater extent than usual in some families which have received aid, and the excess over last year's expenditures for this class is quite largely made up by bills paid for medical attendance. As will be noticed, we have thought best to specify the individuals on whose account medical aid has been rendered, the amount paid for same in each case, and to whom paid. Mr. Martin P. Pike continues in charge as superintendent of the almshouse, the duties of which he has performed in a faithful and highly satisfactory manner. He has, by his own labor and the use of the town team away from the almshouse, added very materially to the income of the town during the year, whilst his services on the highways have been very valuable.

The whole number supported in the almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1878, in whole or in part, was twenty-eight; the average number, seventeen.

Names of persons supported in the almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1878 :—

Polly Copeland.	Clarence Veazie.†
Eunice Delano.	Lewis Linfield.
Betsey Eddy.†	James H. Howe.†
Ellen Kennedy.	Stillman Jones.†
Jane Kennedy.*	Benjamin Turner.
Margaret Mead.*	Mary F. Veazie.†
Elias Cole.	Catharine Condon.
Ezekiel Howe.†	Mary Barry.
Nicholas McMahon.†	Hannah Barry.
Peter Reardon.	Edward Barry.*
Emory Delano.	Frances McMath.
Thomas Stevens.†	Edward Donovan.†
John D. Leahy.*	William A. Howe.†
Garrett Noonan.†	Bartholomew Gill.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, Superintendent, one year,	\$500 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies,	468 76
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal,	173 25
William Campbell, for carriage,	100 00
Josiah Clark, for meat,	109 99
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	133 70
William Campbell, for material and repairs,	60 11
Calvin Briggs, for cow,	60 00
Nathan Rosenfeld, for merchandise,	52 66
Leopold Hoffman, for clothing,	36 85
Sidney French, for boots and shoes,	34 65
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	30 27
Franklin Porter, medicine, &c.,	25 03
N. E. Buck, tea, coffee, &c.,	20 65
John May, for meat,	22 12

* Deceased.

† Refunded.

‡ Discharged.

Paid Silas Jones, for two pigs,	\$17 00
sundry bills for groceries, &c.,	18 62
Thomas Firth & Sons, for steel,	17 20
Heirs of William Cole, for pasture,	16 00
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., hammers, drills, &c.,	8 51
John McCarty, manure,	6 00
Loud & Pratt, lumber,	4 20
Charles H. Wales, merchandise,	10 56
L. Wolfson, for clothing,	65
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, &c., for John D. Leahy,	14 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, &c., for Margaret Mead,	14 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, &c., for Jane Kennedy,	14 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, &c., for Edward Barry,	12 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	57 27
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	6 50
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Total,	\$2,044 55
Cr. by cash paid Treasurer for labor, board, and produce sold, and by bills due,	769 67
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Net cost,	\$1,274 88

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Packard, board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid A. S. Niles, board,	208 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	14 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	50

STILLMAN JONES.

Paid Ann M. Hayden, board,	10 00
Mrs. Ansel Mann, board,	92 00

Paid John Jones, board,	\$26 25
Walter A. Jones, board,	2 50
John Jones, for removal,	1 00
James N. Bullock, for removal,	2 50
Franklin Porter, for medicine, &c.,	9 75
Dr. T. T. Cushman, medical attendance,	92 00
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	6 00
Paid for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Asylum, .	210 14
for James E. Forrest, " " .	253 54
for Charles F. Estabrook, at State Almshouse, Tewksbury,	51 00
for Thomas Harris, at State Reform School, . . .	52 00
for Mrs. William Barry, supplies, &c., . \$61 00	
for Mrs. William Barry, Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	21 25
	<hr/> 82 25
for Mrs. William Grady, supplies, &c., . \$161 30	
for Mrs. William Grady, Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	8 00
	<hr/> 169 30
for Mrs. Cornelius Foley, for supplies, &c., . . .	79 00
for Asa Morton, B. F. Jones, board, . \$73 00	
for Asa Morton, L. Hoffman, clothing, . 10 00	
	<hr/> 88 00
for Mrs. Rose Kenney, supplies,	11 50
for Mrs. John Welch, supplies,	58 40
for John C. Kelliher, supplies, . . . \$42 00	
for John C. Kelliher, Dr. C. C. Farn- ham, medical attendance,	25 75
	<hr/> 67 75
for B. W. Sylvester, supplies, &c., . \$85 50	
for B. W. Sylvester, Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	15 00
	<hr/> 100 50
for Mrs. M. E. Kennedy, supplies, &c., . . .	39 50
for Luke O'Riley, supplies, &c.,	60 50

Paid for Mrs. Richard Carey, supplies, &c., .	\$24 75	
for Mrs. Richard Carey, Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$36 75
for Gerald Farrell, supplies,		4 50
for Patrick McKay, supplies,		21 25
for E. S. Pulson, supplies, &c., . . .	\$104 00	
for E. S. Pulson, Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	16 50	
	<hr/>	120 50
for Ellen Barry, Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attend- ance,		8 00
for Thomas Patten, supplies,		10 00
for John A. Driscoll, supplies,	\$20 00	
for John A. Driscoll, Ralph Houghton, coffins, &c., for children,	11 00	
	<hr/>	31 00
for Mary Drury, supplies, &c.,		45 79
for George A. Faunce, supplies, &c.,		43 25
for Isaac Clark, supplies, &c.,		35 00
for Alexander Holbrook, supplies, &c.,		25 00
for Michael Clark, supplies, &c.,		3 75
for Charles Moore, supplies,		3 50
for Richard McNair, supplies,		3 50
for George F. French, supplies,		3 50
for Mrs. Everett Poole, Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,		4 00
for Mrs. William McMath, supplies, part at Cam- bridge,		36 02
for Mrs. Almira Giles, for supplies, part at Braintree,	\$61 02	
for Mrs. Almira Giles, Dr. C. C. Farn- ham, medical attendance,	14 50	
	<hr/>	75 52
for Mrs. Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr., at N. H.), board,		32 00

Paid for Mrs. James D. Fox, supplies, part at Wey-	
mouth,	\$24 60
for John Donovan, at Boston,	3 82
for Mrs. Polly Hall, at Scituate,	29 00
for L. P. Holbrook, at Quincy,	66 43
for Mrs. John Fencer, at Boston and Brockton,	123 25
for Mrs. Patrick Howard, at Braintree,	102 37
for Mrs. Mary A. Scott, at Boston,	13 38
for Mrs. J. Wales Sylvester, at Canton,	29 00
for bills refunded,	52 00
for sundry small bills for aid,	27 75
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Total,	\$2,902 31

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH
AND HOLBROOK THROUGH MILITARY SERVICES.

Paid for Mrs. Rose Murphy,—

Supplies,	\$76 25	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	20 00	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, “ “	18 00	
Dr. E. A. Allen, “ “	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$115 25

Paid for Mrs. Francis Boyle,—

Supplies,	\$234 25	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	1 00	
	<hr/>	235 25

Paid for Christiana Sloan,—

Supplies,	\$125 60	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	40 50	
Dr. E. A. Allen, “ “	1 00	
	<hr/>	167 10

Paid for Albert W. Stetson,—

Supplies, &c.,	\$123 76	
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	110 50	
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Paid for Lysander C. Morse,—		
Supplies,	\$29 00	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance, .	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$48 50
Paid for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand, supplies, &c., . .		
		29 50
Paid for William H. Simpson,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$46 00	
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance, . .	27 75	
	<hr/>	73 75
Paid for Mrs. John E. Mann,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$46 75	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance, .	18 00	
	<hr/>	64 75
Paid for Mrs. Walter A. Jones,—		
Supplies and nursing,	\$55 00	
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt, med. attendance,	33 00	
Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance, .	31 00	
	<hr/>	119 00
Paid for Mrs. John Crosby,—		
Supplies,	\$20 13	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance, .	4 50	
	<hr/>	24 63
Paid for John Maloney, at Grafton,		43 25
for Mary Mullins, at Boston,		20 84
for Albert Howard, at Brockton,		56 75
for Mrs. O'Gorman, at Boston,		56 27
for Mrs. J. C. Buckley, at Weymouth,		217 75
for William Whitten,		4 50
for Mrs. Lorenzo D. Eddy,		11 00
for Winfield S. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,		131 39
for Lewis N. Weathee, at " "		67 10
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Total,		\$1,720 84

One-third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in almshouse were paid by Holbrook.

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Catharine Curtis, Holbrook,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$167 17	
Dr. T. T. Cushman, medical attendance,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$175 17
Paid for Lucius Hollis, Holbrook,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$176 59	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	23 50	
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Paid for Lysander Miller, for supplies,		
for Mrs. Isaac N. Pendergrass, Dr. E. A. Allen,		22 50
for medical attendance,		6 00
Paid for Stephen Farnum, Methuen,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$79 50	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	27 00	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, " "	6 50	
	<hr/>	113 00
Paid for Mrs. Elizabeth Farnum, Methuen, supplies,		
		53 00
Paid for Francis S. Blanchard, Brockton,—		
Supplies,	\$147 00	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	50	
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Paid for Edmund Burke, Foxborough,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$76 50	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	11 00	
	<hr/>	87 50
Paid for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$114 25	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	62 00	
	<hr/>	176 25
Paid for Mrs. Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,—		
Supplies,	\$78 00	
Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	1 00	
	<hr/>	79 00

Paid for J. Frank Holbrook, Braintree,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$51 20	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$63 20
Paid for Edward Donovan, Milford,—		
Supplies, &c.,	\$1 50	
Dr. A. L. Chase, medical attendance,	3 00	
	<hr/>	4 50
Paid for Michael Donovan, Marblehead, supplies,		14 00
for Mrs. Amelia P. Lawler, Stoughton, supplies and nursing,		33 00
for Mrs. Amanda S. Langley, Braintree, supplies,		38 18
for Peter Gallagher, Quincy, supplies,		12 75
for David L. Burrill, Stoughton, supplies,		8 00
for Fessenden Bessy, Stoughton, supplies,		7 00
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Total,		\$1,240 64

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, for lodging 1,096 tramps in lock-up,	\$140 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	47 67
Wm. H. Smith, for charcoal,	8 73
James N. Bullock, filling beds,	2 00
Colin Boyd, for sundry repairs and merchandize,	2 95
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Total,	\$201 35

EZEKIEL HOWE.

Paid Dr. C. C. Farnham, medical attendance,	\$11 00
E. C. Day, aid rendered,	7 00
J. N. Bullock, carriage to funeral,	4 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffins, &c.,	14 00
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	36 00
Paid for Mary Kemp, supplies,	5 75
for Joseph Tarbett, supplies,	2 00

JEREMIAH SHIELDS.

Paid Ralph Houghton, coffin, &c., for child,	6 00
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Total,	\$251 10

The undersigned, auditors of accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1878, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

V. H. DEANE,
FRANK MORTON,
HALE S. HOWARD,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph, 1878.

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1878.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC., MARCH 1, 1877.

1 horse,	\$200 00
2 cows,	80 00
16 hens,	10 00
2 pigs,	18 00
9 tons hay,	200 00
1 horse-cart,	65 00
1 farm-wagon,	65 00
1 carriage,	100 00
1 sled,	9 00
1 stone-drag and chain,	5 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
3 harnesses,	25 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	1 75
7 hay-manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6 00
2 ploughs,	6 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
1 saw-horse,	75

1 snow-shovel,	\$0 50
4 hoes,	1 25
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5 00
1 churn,	2 00
1 boiler,	2 00
50 bushels potatoes,	30 00
$\frac{3}{4}$ box soap,	4 68
4 pounds coffee,	60
4 " chocolate,	1 60
4 gallons molasses,	2 00
6 pounds sugar,	60
1 barrel flour,	9 50
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
2 rubber blankets,	5 00
23 colored blankets,	20 00
20 white blankets,	20 00
7 feather beds,	56 00
17 under beds,	25 00
42 sheets,	22 00
10 double sheets,	5 00
36 pillow-cases,	15 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
15 towels,	2 00
Table-cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	15 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrel, sifter, hod, and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	25 00
6 flat-irons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1 25
1 steelyards,	1 50
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
3 hammers and 13 drills,	25 00
Crockeryware,	40 00

Woodenware,	\$20 00
Tinware,	12 00
1 clock,	4 00
5 cords wood,	28 00
1 road-scraper,	30 00
2½ tons of coal,	16 00
250 pounds pork,	25 00
1 washing-machine,	8 00
46 pounds lard,	6 50
16 pounds butter,	4 00
9 lamps,	4 50
33 flour-barrels,	3 50
5 yards cloth, cotton,	50
11 yards gingham,	1 25
90 pounds ham,	10 00
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	\$1,525 73

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

The bills presented to the Board for medical attendance upon the poor, as given below, appear very large in the aggregate, and we believe are entirely unprecedented in a town of this size. As far as we have been able to learn, nothing approximating to them in amount has been presented to the town in any previous year. The bills rendered for this service last year, as near as can be ascertained, amounted to \$563⁶⁵/₁₀₀. Under the present system of employing medical assistance, and the law which places the entire discretion in the hands of the physician, when once called, as to the number of visits necessary to be made, we can see no means whereby the town can limit this item of expense, or avoid the payment of any bill, unless false charges can be proven, which could seldom be done, as we apprehend that very few physicians would resort to a practice so reprehensible. We have deemed it our duty, in view of all the circumstances, to decline the payment of one bill, as it contains items clearly not chargeable to the town, and to report all the facts necessary to a full understanding of the system under which great abuses are possible, to the end that the inhabitants of the town may take such action in the matter as they shall think proper.

An article, relating to this question, has been inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting.

PHYSICIANS' BILLS FOR THE POOR DURING THE YEAR END-
ING MARCH 1, 1878.

WARREN M. BABBITT, M. D.

Paid for Walter A. Jones,	\$33 00
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T. T. CUSHMAN, M. D.

Paid for Stillman Jones,	\$92 00	
for Catharine Curtis,	8 00	
					<hr/>	100 00

A. L. CHASE, M. D.

Paid for Lucius Hollis,	.	.	.	.	\$23 50	
for Stephen Farnum,	.	.	.	.	27 00	
for Mrs. Rose Murphy,	.	.	.	.	20 00	
for Mrs. John E. Mann,	.	.	.	.	18 00	
for B. W. Sylvester,	.	.	.	.	15 00	
for Mrs. J. Frank Holbrook,	.	.	.	.	12 00	
for Edward Donovan,	.	.	.	.	3 00	
for Mrs. F. S. Blanchard,	.	.	.	.	50	
for Frederic Fowler, Jr.,	.	.	.	.	62 00	
					<hr/>	181 00

E. A. ALLEN, M. D.

Paid for Albert W. Stetson,	.	.	.	.	\$110 50
for almshouse,	.	.	.	.	57 27
for Walter A. Jones,	.	.	.	.	31 00
for Mrs. William H. Simpson,	.	.	.	.	27 75
for Mrs. William Barry,	.	.	.	.	21 25
for Mrs. Richard Carey,	.	.	.	.	12 00
for Mrs. William Grady,	.	.	.	.	8 00
for Mrs. Stillman Jones,	.	.	.	.	6 00
for Mrs. Isaac N. Pendergrass,	.	.	.	.	6 00
for Mrs. Rose Murphy,	.	.	.	.	1 00
for Mrs. Everett Poole,	.	.	.	.	4 00

Paid for Mrs. Christiana Sloan, . . .	\$1 00
for Edwin and Mary Chessman, . . .	50

 \$286 27

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, M. D.

Paid for Christiana Sloan, . . .	\$40 50
for Rose Murphy, . . .	18 00
for E. S. Pulson, . . .	16 50
for Almira Giles, . . .	14 50
for Mrs. Edmund Burke, . . .	11 00
for Ezekiel Howe, . . .	11 00
for John C. Kelliher, . . .	25 75
for Mrs. L. C. Morse, . . .	19 50
for Ellen Barry, . . .	8 00
for Mrs. Elizabeth Farnum, . . .	6 50
for Mrs. John Crosby, . . .	4 50
for Mr. Lewis N. Weathee, . . .	5 00
for Mrs. Bridget Hoyer, . . .	1 00
for Mrs. Francis Boyle, . . .	1 00
for almshouse, . . .	6 50

 189 25

 Total amount paid, \$789 52
BILLS PRESENTED AND UNPAID DURING THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1878.

B. W. Sylvester,	\$43 00
Mrs. John E. Mann,	66 50
Mr. Lucius Hollis,	60 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Farnum,	17 00
Stephen Farnum,	20 00
Maurice Kelley,	13 00
Mrs. Rose Murphy,	2 00
Mrs. William Taunt,	10 75
Francis S. Blanchard,	26 00
Ezekiel Howe,	8 00

Mrs. George A. Faunce,	\$102 00	
Mrs. Mary Drury,	37 50	
Mrs. Amelia P. Lawler,	26 00	
Total amount unpaid,	<hr/>	\$431 75
Total of bills paid and unpaid,		<hr/> \$1,221 27

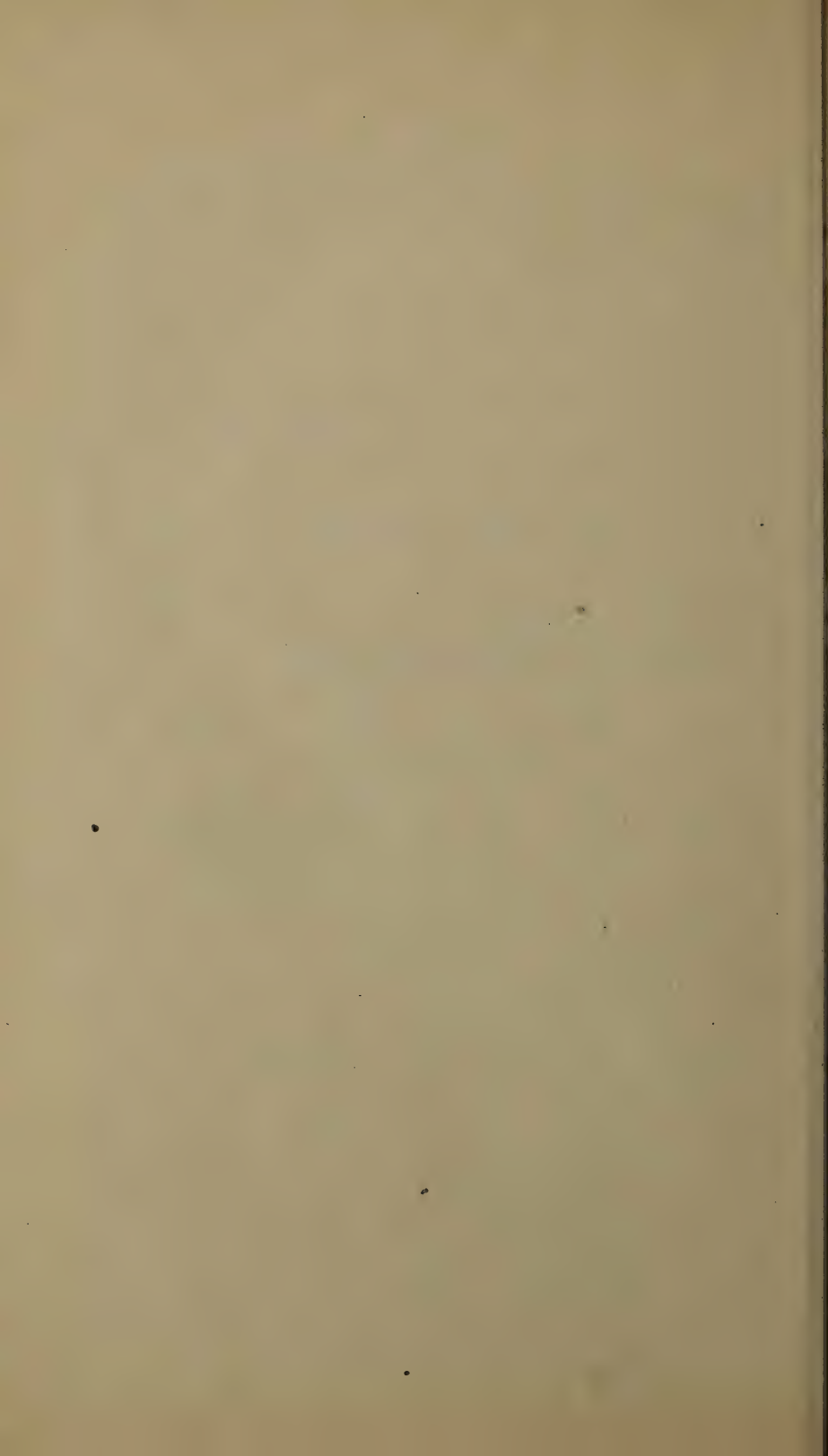
ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1878-79.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town:—

For schools (see report of School Committee), . .	\$7,920 00
repairs, furniture, and incidental expenses, . .	1,080 00
highways,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
Fire Department (see report of Engineers), . .	2,800 00
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	\$25,800 00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,
Selectmen of Randolph.



ANNUAL REPORT

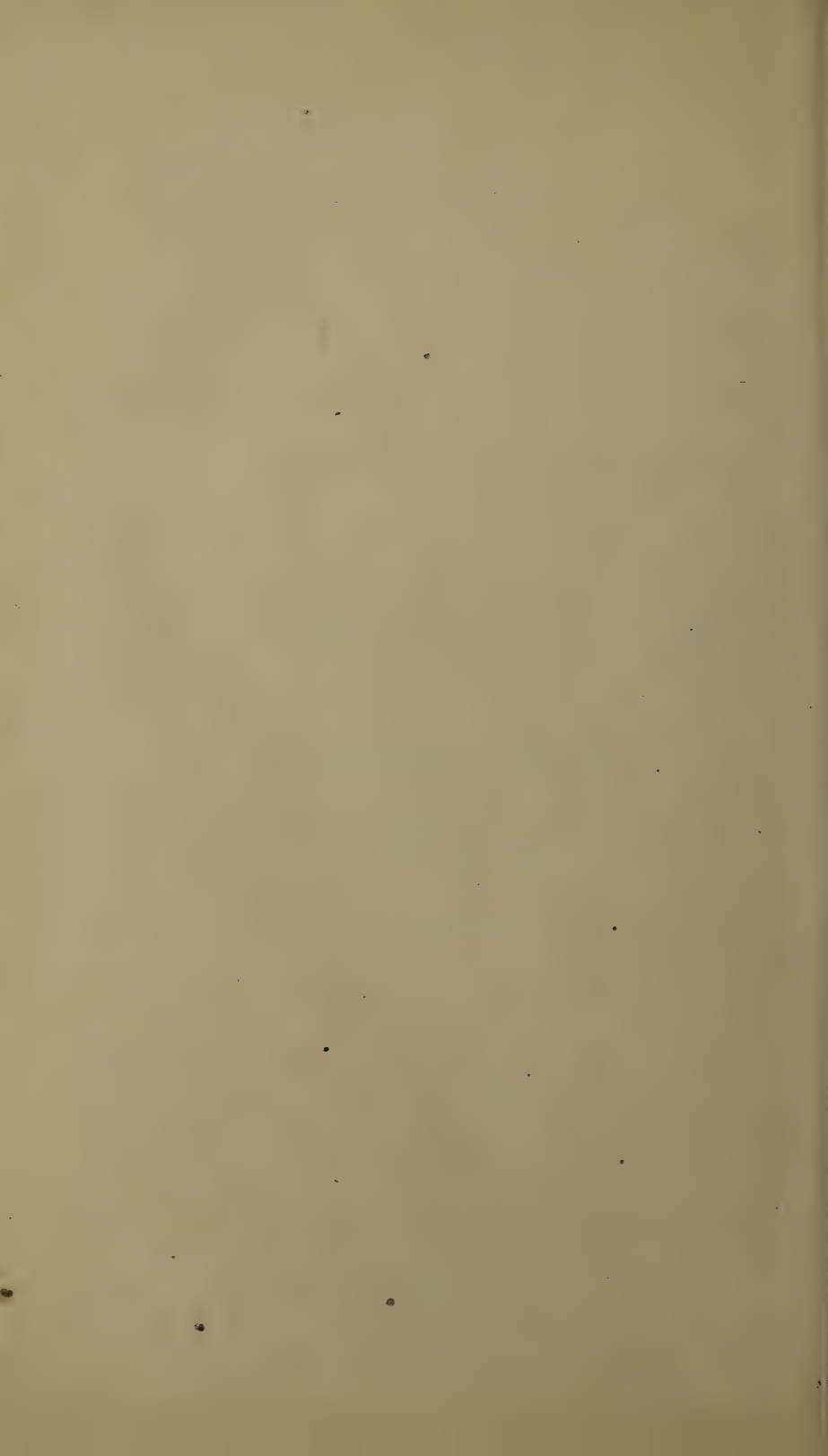
OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1877-78.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

There is a Spanish proverb which says that "*a stone carved fitly to adorn a palace will not be permitted to lie by the roadside.*" Among proverbs, which have been justly termed "the concrete wisdom of nations," perhaps none could be selected more appropriate to be placed in each of our school-rooms than this ; for if the assurance could be made sure, that not one portion of the labor there performed in study would be lost, that in after years adequate fruits would be returned to the pupils, an incentive to labor might be added, to all who had faith, which would give strength to the weak and energy to the wavering.

The universal suffrage which we in America possess, pre-supposes universal and thorough education. How else can the republic endure? Without education, ignorant legislators will be led by designing men into unwise legislation ; and how can we make legislators who shall have a correct idea of the government under which we live, and of the principles of all true governments, unless we commence at the fountain-head in the common schools?

It is true that the highest military school cannot of itself make a general who will be certain of success, but the military school gives a training, without which the born soldier would act at a disadvantage ; and so in our schools, there is no attempt to give special instruction for any occupation, but a general education of the faculties is attempted, based upon the idea that the child itself, with its own intellectual power, will apply the knowledge thus obtained to the problems of life as they arise.

And this is the answer to those who complain "that the education of our schools is not practical." Neither is that of Harvard

College. But our schools, and Harvard College, profess to provide a standpoint from which, when they graduate, pupils may say, in the words of the grand old poet,—

“The world is all before us, where to choose
Our place of rest, and Providence our guide.”

There are several factors that enter into the product of good schools; any one of these factors being omitted or neglected, the result is affected. The town, as a corporate body, is an important factor, and upon it rests the responsibility of furnishing the *means* to secure adequate school buildings, competent teachers, and intelligent supervision. That the town of Randolph gives itself to the discharge of this function with a readiness and liberality equal to the average of towns in the Commonwealth, may not be questioned. The School Committee and teachers are called upon to administer a trust and perform duties that yield to none others in magnitude and far-reaching interest. They become, then, very important factors in this product,—good schools.

The people, not as the body politic,—the municipality,—but as *individuals*, as *parents* whose children fill (in theory) the schools of the town, constitute a very important, perhaps the most important, element in the success of the public schools. The proper and full discharge of their duties is *fundamental* in the matter. All the other conditions—adequate appropriation of money, employment of faithful and skilled teachers, suitable buildings, and intelligent supervision—fail, and must fail, in the accomplishment of the desired, *best* results, unless the parents and guardians perform their part unswervingly, with constant fidelity. No one need long pause to inquire what that part is. It has been said that boys are ever more ready to take up a marble than a book, and children generally to indulge in play rather than in study. The matter of attendance upon schools is not then to be left to the caprice of the child, but it becomes the parent's duty to make this attendance upon school the prime business of the child's life during the legal age, the adolescent period. These considerations bring the Committee to the statement, that to-day the greatest obstacle to the usefulness, the best possible results of the public schools, is absence, irregularity

in attendance. After making generous allowance for sickness, more prevalent it may be than in former years, there remains a discouragingly large percentage of absenteeism to be charged to the account of carelessness, indifference, or cupidity of parents and guardians. True, stress of circumstances in material things may have driven some to the supposed necessity of taking their children from school, a day now, and a week then, for the purpose of labor; but even this condition, hard though it be, cannot be justly urged in excuse for depriving the child of that which the laws say the parent or guardian, the town or the Commonwealth, shall provide.

The law makes it incumbent upon persons having children under their control between the ages of eight and fourteen years, to annually cause such children to attend some public day school in the city or town in which they reside, at least twenty weeks; which time shall be divided into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow. Now, it is evident that this legal provision does not contemplate that the *registering* simply of a child's name at school shall fulfil the requirement, — “shall cause such child to *attend* school.” Here, and just here, arises the trouble, — the shortcoming the Committee complain of. The Committee also do complain and respectfully present, that of the whole number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in the town the first of May, 1877, too many altogether have not even been enrolled at school. This matter calls for correction, — non-attendance as well as irregularity of attendance, — and the correction should come from the same source, — an awakening of those having children under their control to greater fidelity, a more sacred regard to the true interest, the future welfare, of these little ones. All should know and keep constantly in the foreground, that in this matter of common-school education, the parent or guardian is not the sole or principal party in interest, nor the one to be consulted wholly or mainly as to convenience or ease in placing the child at school and causing regularity in attendance. The child is concerned, and heavily concerned too, whether its youthful feet are turned into the paths of culture in useful learning, or into the paths of ignorance, too often leading to vice. The children of primary and grammar school age are not capable of exercising choice, and

less capable of enforcing choice, as to whether they would enter upon a course of study that shall have for its object their best development, to ensure their happiness and usefulness in adult life. It becomes the parent's duty — it should be his happiest privilege — to direct and enforce compliance in this matter of school attendance, and to comprehend that half-time absence, scattered through a term, a year even, and continued from year to year through the whole school course, amounts to nearly a waste of the whole time, leaving a broken, disjointed career at school and little better at home. The instances of unbroken records of attendance through the schools are marvellously rare, more so than those interested in the schools, the parents of children, are aware, no doubt.

The Committee feel constrained to urge those having control of children of schoolable age to a greater fidelity in the discharge of their grave responsibility in placing the children in school, and then to more care in securing their prompt and regular attendance during the time their names are on the register. Assuring them that a so-called attendance, marred and broken, as is too often the case now, with tardiness and absence nearly equal to the days of attendance, is an injury to a pupil in a course of study, for which there is no expression.

The teachers remain the same as last year, with the exception of the North Grammar School, where the new teachers have performed their duties in a manner satisfactory to the Committee. During the year, the Committee and the schools sustained a most serious loss, occasioned by the removal from this town of the Chairman of the Committee, the Rev. J. E. O'Brien. The ripe scholarship, the earnest activity, and the breadth of view, tinctured by no narrowness, which characterized this gentleman while connected with the work of the Committee, rendered aid to the advancement of the schools of the town upon a wide basis, and we trust that the example thus furnished by him may beneficially influence education in succeeding years.

In consequence of the change of teachers in the North Grammar School, and by economy in all departments (which the times seemed to demand), the Committee are able to report, that notwithstanding the cutting down of the requested appropriation last spring, in the

sum of four hundred dollars, they are still within the amount appropriated in the sum of one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents. There are also books on hand valued at one hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-eight cents.

During the ensuing year, the roofs of some of the school-houses must be shingled, and other unusual expenses met. The Committee respectfully recommend the following appropriations : —

For teaching,	\$7,000 00
fuel,	450 00
care of rooms,	470 00
incidental,	600 00
repairs,.	480 00
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							\$9,000 00

Respectfully.

JAMES A. TOWER, *Chairman*.

WINSLOW BATTLES.

JAMES MOLLOY.

EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOLS, 1877-78.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
Alfred N. Fuller, 13 weeks,	290 79
William A. Copeland, 25 weeks,	500 00
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	450 00
Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	375 00
Annie Veazie, 38 weeks,	359 98
Sarah V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	325 00
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	285 00
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	285 00
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	304 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	350 00
Kittie E. Sheridan, 38 weeks,	350 00
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	285 00
Annie M. Wilde, 38 weeks,	325 00
Isabel C. Beal, 38 weeks,	266 00
Antoinette T. Smith, 13 weeks,	108 00
Cora F. May, 13 weeks,	78 00
Estelle M. Redington, 25 weeks,	200 00
Minnie M. Babbitt, 23 weeks,	140 00
Ellen P. Henry, 38 weeks,	304 00

Total, \$6,580 77

Appropriation for Stetson High School, \$950 00

FOR FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	\$290 00
Daniel Leahy, for wood,	24 38
R. T. & E. M. Mann, for wood,	11 25
Adam F. Jones, for wood,	3 00

Paid A. J. Swain, for wood,	\$3 07
Richard Stevens, for wood,	3 25
William H. Smith, for charcoal,	3 00
sundry persons for shavings, and sawing wood,	30 15
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Total,	\$368 10

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$250 00
Galen Hollis,	77 00
Lawrence Ormsby,	24 00
Godfrey Knights,	20 00
Charles R. Piper,	15 00
George W. Bump,	10 00
Mary Shields,	8 75
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Total,	\$404 75

FOR FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid J. A. Swasey, for labor on blackboards,	\$287 39
J. B. Thayer, labor and material,	174 42
S. H. Peirce, for lumber,	106 96
Francis A. Stanley, for labor and material,	78 76
Morrison M. Alden, for labor and material,	111 31
J. L. Hammett, for books, &c.,	169 83
William Ware & Co., for books, &c.,	74 02
Winslow Alden, for repairs,	78 14
James F. Dargan, for census of school children,	20 00
Knight, Adams & Co., for books, &c.,	25 65
L. Prang & Co., for books, &c.,	35 40
Nichols & Hall, for books, &c.,	52 77
Ginn & Heath, for books, &c.,	58 40
Thomas H. West, for services on books and merchandise,	58 87
Daniel H. Huxford, for printing,	26 25
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber,	17 03

Paid John S. Abbott, labor and material,	\$22 30
Old Colony Railroad Co., freight,	23 91
Charles H. Higgins, labor and material,	36 15
Charles A. Wales, for merchandise and repairs, . .	75 73
Gilbert A. Tolman, for floor-brush and dusters, . .	12 75
Doane & Greenough, for merchandise,	7 50
D. B. White, for merchandise,	21 61
Dole Brothers, for furniture,	223 79
H. H. Francis, labor and material,	9 58
Daniel Leahy, labor and material,	18 50
A. C. Stockin, for merchandise,	10 56
D. G. Corliss & Co., for labor and material on steps,	17 56
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	14 80
A. J. Gove, and sundry bills,	1 50
Brogman & Vinal, call-bell,	1 50
Ira Copeland, for merchandise,	4 00
Richard Adams, labor,	3 50
Winslow Battles, horse hire,	6 00
Peter F. Rooney and others, removing snow, . .	9 50
John Wales, use of well two years,	6 00
Patrick Feeney, use of well,	6 00
Thomas J. Hill, merchandise,	2 10
Charles Prescott, merchandise,	60
Lawrence Hayes, use of well,	3 00
Maynard & Noyes, merchandise,	3 00
Franklin Porter, merchandise,	3 79
Galen Hollis, for keys,	1 00
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Total,	\$1,920 89

Included in the above is cash refunded to the Town

Treasurer for books sold,	\$353 73
Stock of books on hand,	123 98
Cash in hands of agent, or due for books,	100 51
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	\$578 22

TOTAL EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,580 77
for Stetson High School,	950 00
for fuel,	368 10
for care of school-rooms,	404 81
for miscellaneous expenses,	1,920 89
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Total,	\$10,224 57

Respectfully.

JAMES A. TOWER, *Chairman,*
WINSLOW BATTLES,
JAMES MOLLOY,
School Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph :

GENTLEMEN, — The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report.

The expenses of the department have been as follows : —

POINEER HOOK AND LADDER, No. 1.

For the year ending May, 1, 1877.

Paid 23 men, services one year, \$12 each,	. . .	\$276 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1878.

Paid N. E. Knight, steward's bill,	10 25
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\$286 25

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE, No. 2.

For the year ending May 1, 1877.

Paid 50 men, services one year, \$12 each,	. . .	\$600 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1878.

Paid John B. McGrane, steward's bill,	22 50
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\$622 50

FEARLESS ENGINE, No. 3.

For the year ending May 1, 1877.

Paid 50 men, services 1 year, \$12 each,	. . .	\$600 00
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William A. English, steward's bill,	14 50
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\$614 50

FIRE KING ENGINE, No. 5.

For the year ending May 1, 1877.

Paid 50 men, services one year, \$12 each,	\$600 00
Paid George B. Dench, steward's bill and oiling hose,	50 00
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	\$650 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Hunneman & Co., for repairs on Fire King and Independence engines,	\$535 00
Samuel Eastman, for hose,	475 97
James H. Cole, for one barrel of oil,	50 63
Walter Cartwright, for repairs,	24 35
William A. English, labor,	12 37
A. J. Gove, expressage,	10 86
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, Independence house, . .	10 00
Josiah Clark, rent of land, Fearless house, . . .	10 00
J. N. Bullock, carting engine to Boston, and team about town,	9 00
P. Noyes, for pump,	8 00
M. M. Alden, material,	6 06
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	5 88
H. H. Francis, for labor,	5 75
Charles A. Wales, for supplies,	3 33
Charles Prescott, "	3 51
Edward Lothrop, leather and chamois,	2 00
William Campbell, for repairs,	1 75
George Bennett, for supplies,	1 10
Edward A. Perry, for repairs,	1 00
John Dooley, removing snow,	75
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	\$1,177 31
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Total expenses,	\$3,350 56

Received for rent, and paid Town Treasurer,—		
For Independence Hall,	\$3 00
Fire King	“	2 50
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		\$5 50

ORGANIZATION.

The department organized May 1, 1877, as follows :—

ENGINEERS. .

EDWARD E. LOTHROP, *Chief.*

Levi Wilbur, Louis Goeres, *Assistant Engineers*; John Dooley, Jr., *Clerk.*

COMPANIES.

Pioneer Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 25 men, C. A. Wales, *Foreman.*
Independence Engine, 2, 50 men, James E. Nary, “
Fearless Engine, 3, 50 men, Myron W. Hollis, “
Fire King Engine, 5, 50 men, Patrick Mullens, “

The department has responded promptly to the following fires and alarms:—May 14. Fire in the woods at Tower Hill. The whole department was present. Independence worked. August 6. Alarm. Joseph McMullen's shop, caused by the falling of a lamp; extinguished without damage. December 24. Fire at Holbrook. Town-hall and meeting-house consumed. The department of Holbrook being unable to subdue the conflagration, the authorities of the town requested immediate aid from Randolph. The entire fire department promptly responded; all the engines and hook and ladder worked, and, by services rendered, a large amount of property was saved. January 4, 1878. George S. Wilbur's shed; no damage.

CONDITION OF ENGINE-HOUSES, FIRE APPARATUS, HOSE.

THE ENGINES.

The Fire King and Independence engines were thoroughly repaired the present year by Hunneman & Co. The stockholders of Fearless claim that some repairs are needed on that engine, and we believe their claim is just. Judging from the expense incurred by

the repairing of the Fire King and Independence engines, it would cost about three hundred dollars to put the Fearless in good order.

HOSE.

This department has a good supply of hose ; enough, we think, to meet any ordinary demand. The Engineers would recommend the town to appropriate one hundred dollars to purchase two fire extinguishers to go with the hook and ladder. They are of the opinion that said addition would contribute largely to the efficiency of the department.

We would also renew our recommendation of previous years in relation to reservoirs, as we think the thickly populated localities of the town need more water-supply.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In asking for our appropriation last year, we estimated two hundred dollars to repair and paint engines. Upon careful examination by competent parties, it was ascertained that in order to put the engines in proper repair, it would cost about five hundred dollars. As some of the engines, without said repairs, would be useless to the town in case of fire, and in order to meet extra expense of repairing engines, we decided to dispense with painting and repairing engine-houses for the present year.

The Engineers recommend to the town, at the annual meeting, April 1, to make some provision for the pay of men for the ensuing year.

The amount asked for will consist as follows :—

Pay of men,	\$000 00
Repairs on Fearless Engine,	300 00
Painting and repairs on houses,	100 00
Incidental expenses,	300 00

EDWARD E. LOTHROP, *Chief,*
 LEVI WILBUR,
 LOUIS GOERES,
 JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Clerk,*
Engineers of Fire Department.

Dr.		TOWN OF RANDOLPH, IN ACCOUNT WITH	
April, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$2,980 34
interest on note of Jephtha Howard,	.	.	120 00
interest on note of Geo. H. Nichols,	.	.	12 00
Balance,	.	.	9,501 74
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			\$12,614 08
May, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$3,499 08
Balance,	.	.	7,776 92
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			\$11,276 00
June, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$4,187 89
Turner Library (dog-money, 1876),	.	.	379 33
interest on note of Prescott Wilbur,	.	.	23 25
Balance,	.	.	3,324 81
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			\$7,915 28
July, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$2,231 08
Balance,	.	.	2,123 10
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			\$4,354 18
August, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$1,259 86
Balance,	.	.	5,878 24
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			\$7,138 10
September, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$1,441 36
interest on town notes,	.	.	600 00
interest on note of L. Wentworth,	.	.	96 00
Balance,	.	.	4,913 06
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			\$7,050 42
October, 1877.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$2,895 99
Randolph National Bank (note),	.	.	5,000 00
interest on National Bank (note),	.	.	32 09
Balance,	.	.	11,346 85
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			\$19,274 99

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, TREASURER.

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April, 1877.

By cash received from Selectmen, as Transfer Committee,	\$368 35
from town of Foxborough (pauper),	50 10
from town of Easton (pauper),	60 60
from board of T. Stevens,	130 00
from interest on note of R. Adams,	5 00
from check of H. C. Alden,	10,856 66
from town orders paid by H. C. A.,	445 12
from dividend on bank stock,	48 00
from town of Braintree (pauper),	60 75
from interest on note of R. Adams,	5 00
from city of Taunton (pauper),	84 20
from balance in town order,	30

\$12,614 08

May, 1877.

By cash balance,	\$9,501 74
received from sale of school-books,	57 65
from licenses (liquor),	500 00
from interest on note of R. Adams,	5 00
from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1876),	1,211 61

\$11,276 00

June, 1877.

By cash balance,	\$7,776 92
received from sale of school-books,	138 36

\$7,915 28

July, 1877.

By cash balance,	\$3,324 81
received from license (liquor),	200 00
from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1876),	829 37

\$4,354 18

August, 1877.

By cash balance,	\$2,123 10
received from license (circus),	15 00
from Randolph National Bank,	5,000 00

\$7,138 10

September, 1877.

By cash balance,	\$5,878 24
received from F. A. Stanley (lumber),	12 18
from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	1,160 00

\$7,050 42

October, 1877.

By cash balance,	\$4,913 06
received from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	14,313 87
from dividend (bank),	48 00

\$19,274 93

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TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH

November, 1877.

To cash paid on town orders,	\$4,700	98
Balance,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,199	21

\$12,900 19

December, 1877.

To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,620	03
Endicott (State tax),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,055	00
Endicott (National Bank tax),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,352	24
interest on town note,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	300	00
Churchill (license dogs, 1877),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	386	35
Balance,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11,014	63

\$17,728 25

January, 1878.

To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,994	18
Balance,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,757	32

\$14,751 50

February, 1878.

To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,570	80
Endicott (bank tax),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	32
Endicott (corporation tax),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	42
Turner Library (dog-money, 1877),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	358	15
Balance,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11,055	90

\$14,041 59

March, 1878.

To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,257	64
interest on notes of Patrick McMahon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	204	00
Eben Moulton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54	00
Commonwealth,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	600	00
note of town to "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,500	00
Endicott, licenses (liquor),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	243	75
interest, Randolph Savings Bank,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	300	00
Corlies, Macy & Co.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	75
Treasurer (salary),	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	00
expense account, stamps, stationery, and returns of births,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92	25
marriages, deaths, and election,	7,225	48
Balance,		

\$16,591 87

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, TREASURER—CONTINUED.

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November, 1877.	
By cash balance,	\$11,346 85
received from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	1,365 12
from sale of school-books,	87 22
from H. L. Pierce (rent of Ponkapoag Pond),	1 00
from license (liquor),	100 00
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	\$12,900 19
December, 1877.	
By cash balance,	\$8,199 21
received from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	1,335 43
from Endicott (corporation tax),	1,458 93
from Endicott (National Bank tax),	3,929 27
from State aid,	2,244 06
from licenses, dogs (1877),	386 35
from licenses (liquor),	175 00
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	\$17,728 25
January, 1878.	
By cash balance,	\$11,014 63
received from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	3,136 40
from Endicott (school fund),	242 32
from Churchill (dogs, 1877),	358 15
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	\$14,751 50
February, 1878.	
By cash balance,	\$12,757 32
received from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	1,075 85
from C. Wales (board of G. Noonan),	120 00
from Endicott (corporation tax),	37 72
from town of Braintree (pauper),	50 70
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	\$14,041 59
March, 1878.	
By cash balance,	\$11,055 90
received for rent of engine-houses,	5 50
from salt-marsh,	30 00
from sale of school-books,	70 50
from Stevens (board of T. Stevens),	130 00
from State aid overdrawn,	103 68
from E. M. Roel (Collector, 1877),	3,581 95
from town of Holbrook,	1,143 62
from Selectmen, for town farm,	345 79
from Selectmen, for sale of cow,	45 00
from Selectmen, for sale of gravel,	16 25
from Selectmen, for bills refunded,	63 68
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	\$16,591 87

The Auditors of the town of Randolph for the current fiscal year have attended to their duties, and find the accounts of the Town Treasurer correct, each item being accompanied by its corresponding voucher.

V. H. DEANE,
FRANK MORTON,
HALE S. HOWARD,
Town Auditors, 1877.

MARCH 20, 1878.

STATE OF TREASURY, MARCH 1, 1877.

DR.

3 Notes to Commonwealth,	\$17,500 00
1 Note to Randolph Savings Bank,	5,000 00
1 " to Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
6 Notes to Patrick McMahon,	3,400 00
1 Note to Lemuel Wentworth,	1,600 00
1 " to Ebenezer Moulton,	900 00
1 " to Lucy A. Wilbur,	500 00
1 " to George H. Nichols,	200 00
1 " to Jephtha Howard,	2,000 00

 \$36,100 00

Estimated amount of interest unpaid,	275 00
of bills "	100 00
Unsettled tax-bill, H. B. Alden, collector,	80 24

 Present town debt, \$36,555 24

Reduction of debt for the year 1877, \$2,500 00

Value Randolph National Bank, Coddington Fund (8 shares),	\$1,600 00
Salt-marsh, Quincy, " "	500 00
Due from E. M. Roel, tax-collector, 1878,	2,315 56
from Treasurer,	7,225 48
State aid due,	4,000 00
School-books on hand,	123 98
Due from agent, for books,	100 51
from other towns,	798 18
Board for person at almshouse,	85 58
Richard Adams, note and interest,	858 06

 Total, \$17,607 35

Debt on Balance

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM,

Town Treasurer.

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STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Randolph:

The undersigned, Trustees of Stetson School Fund, submit the following Report. No change having been made in our investments, we have only to repeat the list of last year; viz.:—

10	shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	\$1,000
10	"	Webster National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,000
10	"	Hide and Leather National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,000
10	"	Shoe and Leather National Bank Boston (par), . . .	1,000
10	"	Exchange National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,000
10	"	Boylston National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,000
10	"	Tremont National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,000
20	"	Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,000
13	"	Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par), . . .	1,300
13	"	Randolph National Bank (par), . . .	1,300
			\$10,600

The annexed financial account exhibits our receipts and disbursements for the year,—the former just enabling us to meet the unavoidable expenses incident to the carrying on of the school, and lessen the balance against the treasury only about \$70. We therefore have to commence another year with a deficit of \$220 ^{$\frac{88}{100}$} , which our Secretary, as usual, has advanced, to be provided for in the future; whilst we must take into consideration the facts that necessary repairs on Stetson Hall, which has been entirely neglected, in that regard, this year, must be made the ensuing, and several expiring insurance policies renewed, as well as the certainty that the

dividends on our stocks must fall considerably short of the sum realized in the present instance.

The rooms formerly rented to the Randolph Bank are still unoccupied, thereby cutting off that source of income. The possibility of improving our condition by any change in our investments, is now, as it has been for a long time past, entirely out of the question, in consequence of the generally depressed condition of monetary affairs.

As is clearly apparent, our expenditures cannot be reduced beyond a certain point, and the work intrusted to us properly performed; and this minimum, it is quite clear to the Trustees, has now been reached.

Our other resources being entirely inadequate to meet the demands that will be made upon us the coming year, though, as will be the case, the most economical course possible be pursued, we are obliged to look to the town for the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, which we respectfully recommend be appropriated for that purpose.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL

Opened Monday, April 9, 1877, under the charge of Mr. V. H. Deane, as principal, and Miss Minnie E. Jones, assistant. Thirty-seven applicants for admission were examined, and twenty-two — eight boys and fourteen girls — admitted, making the whole number of pupils in the school seventy-three, and entirely filling the seating capacity of the general school-room. At the commencement of the fall term, two girls and one boy were admitted, being, upon examination, found qualified to enter existing classes. Miss Jones's engagement having expired at the close of the previous term, Miss Harriet B. Stetson of Gloucester, a graduate of Vassar College, with several years' experience as preceptress in a prominent academy in this State, accepted a call to the position, which she has filled in a manner worthy of commendation. The average number of pupils in daily attendance during the year has been seventy. To this feature — the size of the school — we desire to call especial attention, as showing its popularity and widespread influence, as well as the imperative demand existing in this community, in fact, as well as law, for a school of this grade and character. Nothing having

transpired to interfere with the favorable progress of the school, its advancement has been very satisfactory to the Trustees, and fully justifies their expectations, based upon the well-known competency of our long-tried and faithful principal, and the excellent reputation of his accomplished assistant.

The school closed with a highly satisfactory public examination on Thursday, March 14, 1878. The next term will commence on Tuesday, April 2d next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when applicants for admission will be examined.

DANIEL HOWARD,
T. T. CUSHMAN,
CHAS. H. HOWARD,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

RANDOLPH, March 20, 1878.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCOUNT

April, 1877.	
To Exchange National Bank, dividend,	\$45 00
Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	30 00
Eliot National Bank, dividend,	20 00
Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00
Boylston National Bank, dividend,	30 00
Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	35 00
Tremont National Bank, dividend,	30 00
Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	39 00
Webster National Bank, dividend,	20 00
Randolph National Bank, dividend,	78 00
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	\$352 00
June 29, 1877.	
To town of Randolph, appropriation,	950 00
October, 1877.	
To Exchange National Bank, dividend,	\$45 00
Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	30 00
Webster National Bank, dividend,	20 00
Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	30 00
Eliot National Bank, dividend,	20 00
Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00
Boylston National Bank, dividend,	30 00
Tremont National Bank, dividend,	25 00
Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	39 00
Randolph National Bank, dividend,	78 00
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	342 00
December, 1877.	
To State tax refunded,	162 68
cash of sundry parties, for rent of hall during the year,	256 00
balance against the fund, and due Seth Turner,	220 88

\$2,283 56

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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March, 1877.	
By balance against the fund, and due Seth Turner,	\$298 10
paying W. H. Smith, for charcoal, October, 1876,	5 00
May 21, 1877.	
By paying Miss M. E. Jones, salary for six weeks,	72 00
June 30, 1877.	
By paying Miss M. E. Jones, salary for six weeks,	72 00
July 1, 1877.	
By paying V. H. Deane, one quarter's salary,	300 00
V. H. Deane, bill for sundries,	19 52
Colin Boyd, bill for labor and sundries,	17 77
August 1, 1877.	
By paying R. W. Turner & Co., 12 tons coal,	66 00
Austin Roel, labor,	2 25
October 3, 1877.	
By paying V. H. Deane, one quarter's salary,	300 00
V. H. Deane, bill for advertising,	3 00
November 3, 1877.	
By paying V. H. Deane, bill for sundries,	23 00
Miss Harriet B. Stetson, salary for 3-10ths of one year,	150 00
Daniel H. Huxford's bill,	2 00
November 24, 1877.	
By paying Colin Boyd, bill for labor and sundries,	21 21
December, 1877.	
By paying John B. Thayer's bill,	75
W. H. Smith, bill for charcoal,	18 67
January 1, 1878.	
By paying V. H. Deane, salary for one quarter,	300 00
V. H. Deane, bill for sundries,	4 00
January 3, 1878.	
By paying Miss Harriet B. Stetson, salary for 1-10th of one year,	50 00
E. A. Perry's bill of November 1, 1877,	1 80
January 29, 1878.	
By paying Baker & Thayer, bill for labor and materials,	61 40
March, 1878.	
By paying Daniel Howard's bill,	65
D. B. White & Co., bill for sundries,	6 63
Colin Boyd, bill for labor and sundries,	17 81
Miss Harriet B. Stetson, salary for 3-10ths of one year,	150 00
V. H. Deane, salary for one quarter,	300 00
Trustees and Secretary, services for one year,	20 00
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	\$2,283 56

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The balance against the fund is two hundred and twenty dollars and eighty-eight cents. The investment remains the same as last year, in the bank stock reported by the Trustees, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of their Secretary.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,
Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 19, 1878.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1877 78.

SETH TURNER, *President.*

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Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

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V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD, JOHN B. THAYER.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In behalf of the Trustees, the subscriber presents the Second Annual Report, as provided by the by-laws. The books and accounts of the Library being confined to the calendar year, this report will in the main be limited to the operations of 1877, although some of its features may refer to a portion of the present year, especially those of a personal nature. Rev. James E. O'Brien, after an attentive service in the interests of the Library, removed from town, resigning his position as Trustee in July last. In January of the current year, Mr. John B. Thayer was elected to fill the vacancy. In February, Mr. John L. French, an original and esteemed Trustee, died, his decease being appropriately noticed by his surviving associates.

The by-laws call for a report to the town, of the condition of the Trust, — the Building, Library, and Funds, — with suggestions and estimates, at discretion of the President.

Attention is first called to the —

TRUST,

Which embraces all of the property in the care of the various committees of the Board, and properly noticed under various heads. The money portion of the Trust remains, as stated in the last report, invested in a note of the town of Randolph for \$5,000, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, and is in the hands of the Treasurer.

THE BUILDING.

The Committee report to the Trustees its general good condition, comparatively few repairs having been required; the expenditures,

as will be seen by the Treasurer's account, falling short of one hundred dollars. Warned by the experience of our neighboring town of Holbrook, \$2,000 additional insurance has been placed upon the building, and two "Champion" fire extinguishers purchased for use in an emergency. The Trustees know of no heavy requirements for the present year under this head.

LIBRARY.

In illustration of the use of the Library, extracts from the Librarian's Report to the Trustees are given, as best showing practical matters.

Number of days opened to the public,	. . . .	264
Average daily issue for the first half of the year,	. . . .	81+
second half of the year,	. . . .	76+
Largest daily issue for the first half of the year,	. . . .	271
second half of the year,	. . . .	264
Whole number of books taken in first half of the year,	. . . .	10,576
second half of the year,	. . . .	10,720
Number of persons holding cards at the close of the first half of the year,	. . . . .	1,433
Number of persons holding cards at the close of the year,	. . . . .	1,552

At the date of this report, the whole number of books upon the shelves is 5,478, to which will be very shortly added several recent purchases. While the composition of the Library is such as to command the approbation of the frequent visits of librarians and others from different towns, the Trustees regret that they cannot attest a greater change in the class of books sought by takers, fiction still taking its disproportionate lead, but somewhat less than the three-fourths reported in the annual report of last year. History claims about two-thirds of the remainder; all other books making the aggregate.

Since the opening of 1878, the highest daily issue has been 360 books, being nearly 100 in excess of any previous delivery. From the best information obtained, the Trustees are convinced that our distribution of books is not far different from that of most American

libraries, established in other than collegiate and academic localities. It is gratifying, however, to be able to state, that from reports of conventions of librarians and others interested, an advance has been made on previous years in the character of books required by the reading public.

In comparison with the Library, the reading-room has not been as well patronized as it seems to deserve, supplied as it is with newspapers and periodicals. The order observed in the public rooms is to be commended; while, thus far, the entire establishment discovers little evidence of serious abuse, although some lessons in neatness, if properly heeded, would not be amiss.

The Library Committee have, from time to time, in connection with the Librarian's suggestions, given additional facilities to reference-readers and applicants for books.

The Trustees do not propose to add many words in advocacy of the usefulness of the Library, for figures given in this report, as furnished by the Librarian, make patent to every reader, as well as visitors, the extent to which books are taken and used. All tastes cannot be perfectly suited; but the Library Committee, in the execution of their difficult task of selection, strive to present a good variety of subjects, and avail, to the extent of the means at hand, of new publications as they appear, intending to carefully avoid what shall be radically objectionable in any respect, or distasteful to any considerable portion of the community. The Committee, as also the Librarian, are always happy to receive suggestions from the public touching additions to the Library. The annual examination of the Library was made as required in January, and the condition of the books found quite satisfactory, when the constant use of the most popular volumes is taken into consideration. The repairing of books requires no small amount of labor, and is attended with considerable expense annually.

FUNDS.

The Treasurer's account, accompanying, will present this division, so far as actual transactions of 1877 are concerned. The balance on hand, it will be seen, is somewhat larger than anticipated, it

having been increased by the unexpended balance of the appropriation for a portrait of Col. Turner, which was placed in the Library Hall the past summer. The expenditures, since the accounts were closed, have been quite large for the extinguishers, fire policy, and current expenses. It is quite impossible to state what may be necessary, in the way of funds, for the current year ; and the Trustees do not forget that taxes should be made as light as possible, in view of the depressed condition of business. Taking into consideration the popular use of books, as shown under the head of "Library," and the unavoidable expenses in its conduct, the Trustees respectfully request of the town, an appropriation of the same sum as voted a year since ; viz., \$500, and also what is termed the "dog-money." On this basis, the receipts may be estimated as follows :—

From rents,	\$600 00
interest,	300 00
dog tax (estimate),	300 00
appropriation,	500 00
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In all,	\$1,700 00

The President ventures to assure the town, that whatever moneys may come into the hands of the Trustees, they will endeavor to expend faithfully and economically, with earnest efforts to promote the great objects for which the Library was established. The Treasurer's report, omitting details, follows, under appropriate heads of "Receipts" and "Expenditures," showing the actual transactions of the year 1877, as given by his books :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance of cash on hand, January 1, 1877,	\$380 94
Town appropriation,	500 00
Excess on portrait appropriation,	607 57
From town, for dog licenses,	379 33
One year's interest on town note of \$5,000,	300 00
From reading-room rent, past dues,	150 00
Randolph National Bank, one year's rent,	200 00
Randolph Savings Bank, one year's rent,	100 00
D. B. White & Co., one year's rent,	300 00
various tenants, for heating,	100 00
various parties, for lighting,	255 00
Librarian, for fines,	45 00
" for sales of catalogues,	45 80
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	\$3,863 64

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, magazines, and papers,	\$942 39
for printing,	14 50
for balance on catalogues,	519 68
Librarian,	400 00
W. E. Foster, for services,	123 60
Colin Boyd, janitor,	132 13
for lighting material,	346 86
for heating "	155 00
for repairs (lighting, heating, and slating),	72 11
for expressage,	30 38
for postage,	4 61
Cash balance in bank, January 1, 1878,	1,122 38
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	\$3,863 64

SETH TURNER,

President Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1878.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1877.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 5,	Charles E. McMahon, . . .	Peter and Catherine (Brackin).
25,	Ann Eliza Neary, . . .	James E. and Ann C. (DeNeil).
27,	Alfred Harris Smith, . . .	William A. and Mary E. (Stoddard).
Feb. 3,	Orville A. Howard, . . .	Herbert A. and Ada E. (Belcher).
8,	Margaret Harris, . . .	Thomas and Mary (Terney).
10,	James Sullivan, . . .	Michael and Mary Sullivan.
11,	Bessie Stetson, . . .	Lewis T. and Rosella DeRosh.
11,	Bertha Stetson, . . .	" " "
14,	Florence Sullivan, . . .	Florence and Alice (Brennan).
15,	Susan S. McWilliams, . . .	Alexander and Susan (Egleston).
23,	Mary A. Ghegan, . . .	Patrick and Elizabeth (Carey).
28,	John Francis Donohue, . . .	Thomas and Ellen (Mullins).
Mar. 1,	Anna G. Nightingale, . . .	Andrew C. and Albema (Gastama).
4,	William Dargan, . . .	James F. and Bridget (Grace).
7,	Herbert M. Chase, . . .	Augustus L. and Mary L. (Mann).
8,	Catherine A. Kennier, . . .	Patrick and Johanna (Burke).
10,	Margaret Mackedon, . . .	Michael and Mary (Gallipan).
22,	Flora E. Wood, . . .	Edwin A. and Emma C. (Lowell).
26,	Catherine Goeres, . . .	Lewis T. and Josephene (Ryan).
28,	Margaret McGaughey, . . .	Moses J. and Margaret (Gill).
Apr. 7,	Mary McLaughlin, . . .	M. J. and Jane (McIver).
13,	Celia Barry, . . .	William C. and Mary (Meaney).
18,	Clifton Paine, . . .	E. Lawrence and Emma F. (Keith).
24,	Cyrus Corliss, . . .	Simon B. and Susan (Kingsbury).
25,	Eva M. Dyer, . . .	James M. and Merilla (Eddy).
26,	Martin O'Conner, . . .	Michael and Mary (McNamara).
30,	Mathew Sullivan, . . .	Daniel and C. (Madigan).
May 1,	Myra E. Hunt, . . .	Joshua and Louis M. (Reid).
2,	James C. Thompson, . . .	James and Susan M. (Poole).
5,	Daniel M. Driscoll, . . .	John A. and Eliza F. (Armstrong).
9,	E. Dumphy, . . .	Michael and Elizabeth (Donahoe).
12,	Olive Bell Paine, . . .	Louis B. and Maria A. (Dyer).
24,	Mary E. Rooney, . . .	Peter F. and Ella (Donovan).
25,	Walter Levi Tucker, . . .	Walter J. and Mary C. (Faunce).
25,	Gertrude Woodman, . . .	Stillman B. and Louisa (Thompson).
28,	Joseph Purcell, . . .	Bernard and Rosanna (Ward).
29,	Elizabeth DeNeil, . . .	John and Mary F. (Harris).
June 1,	Joseph Mahoney, . . .	Bartholomew and Mary (Butler).
10,	James O'Riley, . . .	James and Margaret (Brady).
12,	Frank A. Kennedy, . . .	Charles H. and Susan (Dyer).
17,	Isaac R. Mann, . . .	Frank H. and Harriet M. (Roel).
20,	Eva E. Holbrook, . . .	Enos and Sarah M. (Burrell).
24,	Emma G. Ainsley, . . .	Wm. H. and Hannah (Stetson).

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1877—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July	Flora L. Brown,	Frank and Flora E. (Loud).
6,	Jessie M. Sloan,	William and Alice (Beal).
24,	Bernard Moore,	Bernard and Hannah (Dooley).
25,	Elizabeth Garrity,	Jerry and Annie (Burns).
28,	Luke O'Reilley,	Luke and Mary E. Reilley.
Aug.	Jennette Tirrell,	Augustus L. and Sarah J. (Poole).
12,	Edith G. Thayer,	James R. and Etta C. (Dyer).
14,	Mary Jaquith,	Franklin and Georgianna (Howard).
14,	— (Holbrook),	Hiram and Mary (Thayer).
15,	C. B. Brennan,	William and Mary Sullivan.
22,	—	Patrick and Elizabeth (Donahoe).
27,	— Reynolds,	Wm. F. and Mary E. (Mann).
Sept.	Annie Donovan,	Joseph and Margaret (McMahon).
1,	John McAuliff,	Richard and Margaret (Sweeney).
5,	James Francis Sheridan,	Michael and Julia (Cozzens).
12,	Frederick L. Allen,	Samuel and Abba (Stetson).
15,	William B. Stetson,	Albert W. and Phoebe (Dow).
23,	Alfred E. Nash,	James E. and Louisa W. (Reed).
30,	— Mann,	Charles H. and Harriet A. (Phillips).
Oct.	Charles H. Beard,	Joseph E. and Diantha J. (Cook).
10,	William Denahey,	Daniel and Margaret (McConity).
15,	Ellen Frances Gallagher,	Peter and Katie (Igo).
27,	Margaret Kennedy,	John F. and Johanna (McGrane).
29,	James E. Mann,	John E. and Sally A. (Hollis).
Nov.	Lora A. Cook,	George W. and Ella M. (Allen).
2,	Viola Fowler,	Frederick and Lucy (Lowell).
6,	— Thayer,	Louis C. and Eunice C. (Holbrook).
6,	Charles Wesley Walsh,	Wesley W. and Mary I. (Thayer).
12,	Simeon O'Brien,	William P. and Johanna M. (Barry).
13,	— Tucker,	Caleb E. and Mary E. —
18,	— Dargan,	John and Mary F. (Estey).
19,	Thomas Hand,	Thomas F. and Mary A. (Brady).
Dec.	Richard Uniack,	Richard and Elizabeth (Cahill).
24,	— Hayden,	Lorenzo and Nettie (Bean).

SUMMARY.

Males,	38
Females,	39
Total,	77

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1877.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan. 7,	George B. Nash, . .	Weymouth, . .	Quincy, . .	23
	Eldora Abbott, . .	Boston, . .	Braintree, . .	20
21,	Wesley W. Walsh, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	21
	Mary I. Thayer, . .	" . .	" . .	22
24,	Orrin White Orcutt, . .	Weymouth, . .	Weymouth, . .	27
	Mary Louisa Stickney, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	23
31,	Nathan Pendergrass, . .	Randolph, . .	Holbrook, . .	59
	Elizabeth Binney, . .	" . .	Randolph, . .	46
Feb. 2,	Henry Perkins Niles, . .	Stoughton, . .	Randolph, . .	44
	Addie M. Littlefield, . .	" . .	" . .	20
17,	Thomas B. French, . .	Brockton, . .	South Abington, . .	26
	Abbie A. Johnson, . .	" . .	Brockton, . .	19
Mar. 10,	George Augustus Snell, . .	Randolph, . .	Holbrook, . .	45
	Celia Jane White, . .	" . .	" . .	25
30,	William Slone, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	23
	Alice J. Beal, . .	" . .	" . .	19
Apr. 26,	Samuel Fernald, . .	Boston, . .	Randolph, . .	44
	Julia D. Doc, . .	Litchfield, Me., . .	Boston, . .	45
May 3,	William P. O'Brien, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	22
	Johanna Barry, . .	" . .	" . .	22
7,	Walter Thayer Connell, . .	Braintree, . .	Braintree, . .	19
	May Ella Finegan, . .	New York, . .	" . .	25
5,	James Cornish, . .	England, . .	Randolph, . .	29
	Emma Williams, . .	" . .	" . .	26
31,	Gilbert E. Holbrook, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	23
	Elvina Loren Hollis, . .	" . .	" . .	19
31,	William Lewis Tinkham, . .	Plympton, . .	Weymouth, . .	23
	Justinia A. Porter, . .	East Stoughton, . .	East Stoughton, . .	19
June 27,	Richard Uniack, . .	Cork, Ireland, . .	Randolph, . .	29
	Elizabeth J. Cahill, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	24
July 2,	James Reilley, . .	Ireland, . .	Randolph, . .	33
	Mary Mahon, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	25
2,	James E. Foley, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	26
	Margaret Barry, . .	Ireland, . .	" . .	26

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1877—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
July 4,	Thomas Purcell, . .	Ireland, . .	Randolph, . .	35
	Susan E. Wren, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	28
5,	George A. Arnold, . .	Portsmouth, R. I.,	Cambridge, . .	27
	Emma F. Veazie, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	27
Aug. 15,	Elbridge Jones, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	21
	Mary A. Mann, . .	Canton, . .	Canton, . .	19
25,	Clarence H. Dean, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	27
	Annie M. Morgan, . .	" . .	" . .	21
Sept. 24,	Robert McAniff, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	23
	Annie M. Burus, . .	Stoughton, . .	Stoughton, . .	26
26,	Benjamin Barnes Burbank,	Boston, . .	Weymouth, . .	29
	Cora Ann McGill, . .	Weymouth, . .	" . .	19
Oct. 18,	Eugene W. Campagne, .	Canada, . .	Brockton, . .	30
	Sarah L. Hill, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	30
28,	Arthur A. Boyd, . .	Randolph, . .	Holbrook, . .	23
	Annie H. Smith, . .	" . .	Randolph, . .	21
Nov. 1,	Albert M. Tabor, . .	New Bedford, . .	Randolph, . .	48
	Eliza Ann Tabor, . .	West Bridgewater,	" . .	42
20,	Patrick Mahoney, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	24
	Ellen Pope, . .	" . .	" . .	22
4,	Edward O'Flaherty, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	26
	Catherine M. Rodden, .	" . .	" . .	23
7,	William O. Halloran, . .	Ireland, . .	Randolph, . .	30
	Annie Fox, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	28
24,	William N. Pendergrass, .	North Abington, .	Randolph, . .	22
	Sadie L. Pratt, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	19
25,	George A. Paine, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	20
	Emma Chessman, . .	" . .	" . .	19
25,	S. Alphonzo Chessman, .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	25
	Etta E. Wilbur, . .	" . .	" . .	19
Dec. 12,	Ernest C. Paine, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	22
	Eliza F. Drake, . .	Stoughton, . .	" . .	19
16,	George W. Shedd, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	26
	Sarah E. Littlefield, .	Braintree, . .	" . .	24
19,	Sullivan Jones, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	69
	Harriet D. Littlefield, .	Boston, . .	Stoughton, . .	52

Total, 35.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1877.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 1,	Lottie S. Winslow,	2	11	24	Diphtheria.
9,	Margaret Harris,	8	11	18	"
10,	F. Nellie Magee,	25	11	16	Congestion of brain.
11,	Mary E. Bohan,	5	1	19	Diphtheria.
15,	Moses H. McGaughey,	5	-	26	"
15,	John Hunt,	62	10	16	Heart disease.
17,	Lizzie Brown,	-	-	22	Infantile.
18,	Mary Jane Taunt,	75	4	7	Paralysis.
27,	Mary T. McGrath,	2	8	-	Croup.
31,	Eunice Whitcomb,	82	7	2	Old age.
Feb. 2,	William Crosby,	2	9	15	Croupal diphtheria.
4,	Albert W. Leavitt,	11	10	27	Diphtheria.
6,	Annie Cole,	20	10	21	Consumption.
7,	L. Mary Cornish,	28	11	4	Convulsions.
8,	James Sullivan,	-	-	1	Infantile.
10,	Katie O'Reilley,	2	4	26	Diphtheria.
10,	Keilah H. Kennedy,	78	-	-	Old age.
13,	Maggie O'Reilley,	4	11	4	Diphtheria.
19,	Nellie V. Carney,	4	1	4	"
20,	John Joseph Frizzell,	1	-	16	"
20,	Margaret J. Flynn,	4	6	9	"
24,	Isabel G. Hogan,	2	-	20	"
26,	Bertha Wolfson,	1	6	26	"
Mar. 1,	James Joseph Hogan,	3	5	16	"
7,	Margaret Mead,	49	-	-	Consumption.
10,	Wallace T. Lothrop,	20	7	15	"
24,	Thomas Kennedy,	1	10	2	Diphtheria.
31,	Leonard A. Wentworth,	9	2	22	"
Apr. 1,	Jane Kennedy,	37	-	-	Cancer.
6,	Ellen Kelley,	45	-	-	Hanging.
8,	Mary Ann Sullivan,	7	9	22	Diphtheria.
9,	Nellie Fowkes,	6	3	-	"
11,	Thomas Sullivan,	2	6	7	Croupal diphtheria.
12,	James F. Doherty,	4	8	5	Croup.
12,	Katie O'Brien,	6	4	4	Diphtheria.
12,	Maud G. Dodge,	-	5	7	Skin disease.
20,	Eliza Powers,	26	-	-	Typhoid fever.
25,	Alva Packard,	83	6	8	Old age.
26,	Honora Sullivan,	3	2	5	Croup.
May 2,	Mary Manning,	-	1	12	Infantile.
4,	Ada Belle Leeman,	2	2	27	Diphtheria.
19,	Mary Reilley,	71	-	-	Hepatitis.
24,	Mary DeNeil,	2	3	17	Diphtheria.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1877—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
May 29,	John Henry DeNeil,	7	3	7	Diphtheria.
June 2,	Margaret Flynn,	40	7	—	Phthisis.
6,	Fannie E. Perry,	6	4	3	Diphtheria.
7,	Patrick K. Sheridan,	2	1	7	"
9,	Thomas Littlefield,	81	3	21	Suppression of urine.
12,	Mary O'Reilly,	83	—	—	General debility.
12,	Bessie Alden Prescott,	4	5	25	Diphtheria.
12,	Richard O'Brien,	3	9	18	"
25,	James T. Driscoll,	2	5	8	"
25,	Mary Green,	48	—	—	Hepatitis.
27,	Katie Sullivan,	23	3	12	"
28,	Hannah F. Belcher,	2	5	—	Diphtheria.
28,	Bartholemew Sullivan,	16	—	—	Consumption.
July 3,	Daniel E. Frecl,	5	1	23	Diphtheria.
15,	John Francis McLaughlin,	21	2	18	Drowning.
19,	Quincy Green,	6	7	21	Diphtheria.
20,	Fanny Wales Baker,	59	2	17	Dropsy.
26,	Bridget Leahey,	23	8	4	Consumption.
28,	Annie Haney,	—	1	23	Spina bifida.
29,	Ann Wallace,	52	—	—	Paralysis.
31,	Walter H. Clark,	1	6	—	Cholera infantum.
Aug. 6,	Honora Sullivan,	88	—	—	Old age.
8,	Margaret Sheridan,	60	—	—	Anthrax (pulmonary).
12,	Charles Mahoney,	1	4	27	Diphtheria.
20,	Ellen Dooley,	60	—	—	Congestion of brain.
21,	Daniel Driscoll,	—	3	16	Infantile.
21,	Mary B. Alden,	81	10	21	Paralysis.
26,	Orlando Pendergrass,	58	7	22	Hanging.
30,	Jonathan Thayer,	80	6	27	Old age.
Sept. 3,	Augustine Forrest,	1	—	9	Cholera infantum.
6,	Mary E. Quinn,	—	3	11	Infantile.
7,	Joseph Brady,	—	1	23	"
7,	Dora I. F. Hickey,	3	—	28	Diphtheria.
9,	Bertha Stetson,	—	6	28	Infantile.
15,	Thomas E. McAuliffe,	1	8	7	Diphtheria.
15,	Nellie M. Beyett,	1	3	29	Infantile.
16,	George R. Bennett,	2	3	17	Diphtheria.
16,	Mary Lizzie Fannce,	4	11	—	"
27,	Charles F. Reilly,	33	—	28	Consumption.
27,	Arthur Mathews,	73	—	—	General debility.
Oct. 3,	Catherine B. Brennan,	—	1	17	Infantile.
7,	Catherine A. Kennier,	—	6	29	"
12,	Margaret Harris,	—	8	4	Dentition.
21,	George Oscar Smith,	21	4	19	Consumption.
26,	Garrett Noonan,	83	—	—	Old age.
27,	Mary E. Lanaghan,	10	—	2	Diphtheria.
31,	James Meaney,	—	10	12	"
Nov. 2,	Ezekiel Howe,	37	4	5	Consumption.
4,	Thomas Hill,	75	4	25	Old Age.
6,	— Thayer,	—	—	—	Stillborn.
6,	Mary Ellen Buckley,	14	5	15	Typhoid fever.
7,	John Leahy,	75	—	—	Old age.
14,	John F. Curran,	62	1	10	Consumption.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1877—CONCLUDED.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Nov. 15,	Warren T. Jackman, . . .	24	8	5	Typhoid fever.
16,	Lillian M. Wilbur, . . .	6	1	10	Diphtheria.
17,	Loring Binney, . . .	74	—	25	Apoplexy.
20,	Elenor T. Wilbur, . . .	3	10	—	Diphtheria.
20,	— Tabor, . . .	—	—	—	Stillborn.
Dec. 3,	Margaret Mathews, . . .	75	—	—	General debility.
15,	James C. Howard, . . .	39	9	7	Apoplexy.
19,	Mary Ellen Barry, . . .	13	5	11	Asphyxia.
19,	James Ryan, . . .	13	1	29	"
19,	John Ryan, . . .	9	10	—	"
19,	Johanna Ryan, . . .	7	10	23	"
19,	Dennis Ryan, . . .	4	7	4	"
22,	Catherine Ryan, . . .	34	—	—	"
26,	Annie A. Bennett, . . .	18	10	26	Consumption.
Total number of deaths recorded,					110
Males,					48
Females,					62

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Anthrax (pulmonary); cancer; convulsions; dentition; dropsy; drowning; heart disease; skin disease; spina bifida; suppression of urine; one each. Apoplexy; congestion of brain; cholera infantum; croupal diphtheria; hanging; stillborn; two each. Croup; general debility; paralysis; typhoid fever; hepatitis; three each. Asphyxia, six; old age, eight; infantile, ten; consumption, eleven; diphtheria, thirty-eight.

Under five years of age,	47
Between 5 and 10,	14
10 " 20,	7
20 " 30,	10
30 " 40,	5
40 " 50,	4
50 " 60,	3
60 " 70,	4
70 " 80,	8
80 " 90,	8

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I hereby certify that the preceding returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 NORFOLK, SS. }

To HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the town of Randolph, in said County*, GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the first day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting. Also a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school-buildings and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 5. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses of the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof.

ART. 6. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation of the same.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to

engines and the pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 11. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles, Post 110.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 13. To see if the town will extend Allen Street, from its present terminus, through to North Street, as petitioned for by S. Edgar Burrill and others, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to a claim of Gilbert A. Tolman, for damage occasioned by the lowering of the grade of Maple Street.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to providing a paid police for the ensuing year.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising and making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library; also, to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the ensuing year to the use of said library.

ART. 17. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes

to charge interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after Oct. 10, 1878.

ART. 21. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

ART. 22. To act on any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Randolph, this nineteenth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy. Attest:

HENRY H. FRANCIS,
Constable of Randolph.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

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DEPARTMENT, AND TREASURER

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1878-79.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN T. FLOOD. JAMES A. TOWER. DANIEL HOWARD.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

School Committee.

WINSLOW BATTLES,	Term expires April 1, 1879.
JAMES A. TOWER,	" " " 1, 1880.
JAMES MOLLOY,	" " " 1, 1881.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

T. T. CUSHMAN,	Term expires April 1, 1879.
CHARLES H. HOWARD,	" " " 1, 1880.
DANIEL HOWARD,	" " " 1, 1881.

Auditors.

FRANK MORTON. HALE S. HOWARD. V. H. DEANE.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	FRANK J. DONAHUE.	LEVI WILBUR.
HENRY H. FRANCIS.	LYSANDER R. PETERSON.	JAMES E. NEARY.
	JOHN HANEY.	

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL. ADAM F. JONES. DANIEL LEAHY.

Engineers of Fire Department.

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., <i>Chief Engineer.</i>	EDWARD E. LOTHROP, <i>Clerk.</i>
LEVI WILBUR.	LOUIS GOERES.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

JOHN T. FLOOD, of Randolph. HENRY S. CLARKE, of Walpole.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In accordance with their duty, the Selectmen of the town of Randolph respectfully submit the annual report of appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1879.

APPROPRIATIONS,

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,600 00
Stetson High School,	1,250 00
repairs of highways,	3,000 00
reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
fire department,	2,800 00
reservoir,	300 00
decoration soldiers' graves,	100 00
police,	1,000 00
Turner Free Library,	500 00
county tax,	2,030 61
State tax,	1,370 00
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Total,	\$31,950 61

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1, 1878.

Real estate,	\$1,467,680 00
Personal estate,	646,120 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	206,670 88
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	128,951 92
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Total valuation,	\$2,449,422 80

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1878, \$12 on \$1,000.

Average rate in the State, May 1, 1878, \$12.54 on \$1,000.

Number of polls, May 1, 1878,	1,227
of dwellings, May 1, 1878, .	760
of horses, May 1, 1878, .	318
of cows, May 1, 1878, .	261
of acres of land taxed, May 1, 1878, .	5,802

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1879.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$10,500 00
Town-house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
Two fire-engines, hook-and-ladder carriage, apparatus, and fixtures,	2,125 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh,	600 00
School-houses and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
“ “ District No. 3,	1,350 00
“ “ District No. 5,	1,200 00
“ “ District No. 6,	1,650 00
“ “ District No. 8,	6,000 00
Prescott School-house and land,	15,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 10,	5,750 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank,	1,600 00
Stetson School Fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner Free Library, building and land,	40,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library Fund,	5,000 00
Total,	<u>\$130,775 00</u>

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$37,805.14; viz.,—

On account of schools (teaching, fuel, and care of	
rooms),	\$7,393 33
of Stetson High School,	1,250 00
of repairs and incidental expenses,	2,044 25
of highways,	2,726 51
of removing snow,	375 84
of funeral expenses,	249 25
of State aid,	2,166 00
of State aid (under law of 1878),	2,866 43
of fire department,	2,943 95
of abatement of taxes,	621 30
of town officers,	1,260 50
of reservoirs,	554 78
of police,	533 33
of miscellaneous expenses,	2,428 95
of poor in almshouse,	2,495 57
of poor out of almshouse,	4,293 00
of poor belonging to Randolph and Hol-	
brook (military),	1,993 98
of poor of other towns,	1,416 22
of State paupers and tramps,	191 95
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Total,	\$37,805 14

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills by direction of School Committee, for financial year ending March 1, 1879. For items, see report of School Committee.

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,599 22
“ “ for fuel,	377 50
“ “ for care of rooms,	416 61

Appropriation for Stetson High School,	\$1,250 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,044 25
Total,	<u>\$10,687 58</u>

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$9,850 00
State School Fund,	235 68
Coddington Fund,	118 00
Total,	<u>\$10,203 68</u>

Included in the expenditures for schools is cash re-
funded to the Treasurer of the town for books
sold,

	\$242 15
Stock of books on hand,	196 56
Uncollected bills,	171 44
Total,	<u>\$610 15</u>

Expenditures less than appropriation, \$2 37

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs under the Direction of Surveyors.

DISTRICT NO. 1, ISAAC N. LINFIELD, *Surveyor*.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield, team-work, 25½ days,	\$102 00
Ephraim Mann, " 5 " 2 horses,	27 50
A. J. Towns, " 2 ⁷ / ₁₀ " 2 "	14 85
John Wales, " 6 "	21 00
Thomas Good, " 6 "	21 00
Thomas Duff, labor, 13 days,	22 74
Bernard O'Flaherty, " 12 "	20 86
James Brady, " 6½ "	11 37
Patrick Barry, labor, " 6 "	10 37
Michael Sheridan, " 3 "	5 25

Paid Dennis Sullivan,	labor, 3 days,	.	.	.	\$5 25
Timothy Sullivan,	" 3 "	.	.	.	5 25
John Crosby,	" 3 "	.	.	.	5 25
Thomas Prior,	" 3 "	.	.	.	5 25
John Desmond,	" 11 "	.	.	.	19 25
Michael Keefe,	" 3 "	.	.	.	5 25
William Broad,	" 8 "	.	.	.	14 00
James Lyons,	" 3 "	.	.	.	5 25
Patrick Feeney,	" 2 "	.	.	.	3 50
Peter McConety,	" 2 "	.	.	.	3 50
Thomas Bancroft,	"	.	.	.	1 00
B. L. Wales,	for 194 loads gravel,	.	.	.	21 50
Arthur W. Austin,	for 98 " "	.	.	.	8 48
Isaac N. Linfield,	repairing tools,	.	.	.	5 26
Total,					<hr/> \$364 93

DISTRICT NO. 3, JAMES RILEY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work,	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, 2 horses,	.	.	.	\$89 76
Josiah Clark,	" 3 "	.	.	.	12 00
Ephraim Mann,	" 3 "	.	.	.	16 50
James Riley,	labor, 16 days,	.	.	.	32 00
Patrick Flood,	" 11 "	.	.	.	19 25
Thomas Whalin,	" 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	.	17 32
Charles Piper,	" 7 "	.	.	.	12 25
Charles Eddy,	" 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	.	11 82
Moses Mann,	" 6 "	.	.	.	10 50
Patrick Barry,	" 4 "	.	.	.	7 00
Robert H. Piper,	" 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	6 12
John Desmond,	" 2 "	.	.	.	3 50
William Gill,	" 2 "	.	.	.	3 50
Ansel Mann,	" 2 "	.	.	.	3 50
Emory Glover,	" 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	.	3 07
Henry R. Piper,	" 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	.	1 75
Thomas Riley,	" 1 "	.	.	.	1 75
John Johnson,	" 1 "	.	.	.	1 75

Paid J. Clark,	labor, 2 days,	.	.	.	\$3 00
Michael Brady,	" 2 "	.	.	.	2 00
Forrest Whalin,	" 1 "	.	.	.	1 00
Joshua Hunt, for 112 loads gravel,		.	.	.	11 20
Josiah Clark,	" 92 "	.	.	.	9 20
Ansel Mann,	" 76 "	.	.	.	7 60
Amasa Niles,	" 19 "	.	.	.	1 90
Ephraim Mann, for stones,		.	.	.	1 40
William Campbell, repairing tools,		.	.	.	30
Total,					\$290 94

DISTRICT NO. 5, GEORGE PIERCE, *Surveyor*.

Paid S. B. Woodman,	team-work, $9\frac{1}{10}$ days,	.	.	\$27 30
R. A. Thayer,	" 7 "	.	.	21 00
William F. Kennedy,	" $4\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	13 50
Ephraim Mann,	" 1 "	.	.	3 50
Martin P. Pike,	" 1 "	.	.	3 50
Jedediah French,	labor, $12\frac{3}{5}$ days,	.	.	25 20
Lewis Jones,	" $11\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	19 09
G. W. Burrill,	" 11 "	.	.	19 25
Silas Binney,	" $9\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	17 06
James M. Dyer,	" $9\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	17 06
Sylvanus Thayer,	" $9\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	17 06
Noah Chessman,	" $9\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	16 63
George W. Pierce,	" $3\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	7 70
S. B. Woodman,	" 2 "	.	.	3 50
Charles M. Holbrook,	" $1\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	4 20
D. C. Pierce,	" $1\frac{2}{5}$ "	.	.	1 40
George L. Pierce,	" $\frac{3}{5}$ "	.	.	90
sundry persons, labor,	.	.	.	2 13
Amasa Clark, for 208 loads of gravel,	.	.	.	20 80
Amasa Thayer, " 36 "	" "	.	.	3 60
Moses Jones, " 31 "	" "	.	.	3 10
Total,				\$247 48

DISTRICT No. 6, LOUIS GOERES, *Surveyor*.

Paid J. F. Goeres,	team-work, 20 $\frac{1}{5}$ days,	.	.	\$62 50
Patrick Kiley,	" 6 "	.	.	18 00
William White,	" 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	13 50
Thomas B. Jones,	" 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	13 50
Robert McAuliffe,	" 4 "	.	.	12 00
Leonard Jones,	" 3 "	.	.	9 00
Richmond Jones,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	7 50
Adam F. Jones,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	7 50
John Kiley,	" 2 "	.	.	6 00
Josiah Clark,	" $\frac{4}{5}$ " 2 horses,	.	.	5 00
Louis Goeres,	for labor, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	.	.	45 00
Patrick Flood,	" 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	49 00
Owen Neary,	" 10 "	.	.	17 50
James Carroll,	" 9 "	.	.	15 75
William Sheilds,	" 9 "	.	.	15 75
James Keenan,	" 6 "	.	.	10 50
Dennis Shea,	" 6 "	.	.	10 50
Maurice Kiley,	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	9 62
John Sutton,	" 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	6 12
John Hayes,	" 3 $\frac{1}{5}$ "	.	.	5 60
John B. McGraine,	" 3 "	.	.	5 25
Thomas Carroll,	" 5 "	.	.	6 25
James Sutton,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	4 37
Patrick Crosby,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	4 37
Frederic Miller,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	4 37
Patrick Kiley,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	4 37
John Neary,	" 2 "	.	.	3 50
Joseph Crosby,	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	3 12
Charles McCarty,	" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	2 62
James Barry,	" 2 "	.	.	3 50
Peter Sutton,	" 1 "	.	.	1 50
John Desmond,	" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	2 62
Andrew Lennon,	" 1 "	.	.	1 25
J. F. Goeres,	" 2 "	.	.	2 00
3 boys,	" 1 "	.	.	2 63

Paid Louis Goeres, for 442 loads of gravel, . . .	\$22 12
Loring Binney, " 274 " " . . .	13 70
Ernest Dinter, " 149 " " . . .	9 95
John Manning, " 69 " " . . .	3 45
Louis Goeres and others, picking stones, . . .	18 02
Thomas Fardy & Son, repairing tools, . . .	3 32
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Total,	\$462 12

DISTRICT NO. 7, THOMAS GOOD, *Surveyor*.

Paid David Good, team-work, 11½ days, . . .	\$35 00
Daniel Leahy, " 2 " " . . .	7 00
Thomas Good, for labor, 10 " " " . . .	18 36
John Desmond, " 8 " " " . . .	13 99
John Gill, " 6 " " " . . .	10 75
Michael Good, " 6 " " " . . .	10 50
John Mann, " 4 " " " . . .	7 00
Bernard O'Flaherty, 3½ " " " . . .	6 12
James Lyons, " 2 " " " . . .	3 50
Jackson Belcher, " 1½ " " " . . .	3 00
Richard Forrest, " 1 " " " . . .	1 75
Daniel Elliott, " 1 " " " . . .	1 75
Old Colony R. R. Co., for 94 loads of gravel, . . .	7 52
E. A. Alden, " 66 " " " . . .	5 28
Daniel Elliott, " 27 " " " . . .	2 16
Thomas Patten and others, picking stones, . . .	3 50
M. M. Alden, for labor and material, . . .	5 18
Thomas Good, for repairing bridge, . . .	1 50
Daniel Leahy, for post, . . .	35
Thomas Fardy & Son, repairing tools, . . .	65
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Total	\$144 86

DISTRICT NO. 8, DANIEL LEAHY, *Surveyor*.

Paid George Leahy, team-work, 31½ days, . . .	\$110 25
Daniel Leahy, " 22 " " " . . .	77 25

Paid Jackson Belcher, team-work, 13 days,	.	.	.	\$45 50
Thomas Good, " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	36 75
Michael Morgan, for labor, 27 $\frac{4}{5}$ "	.	.	.	48 62
James Lyons, " 27 $\frac{3}{10}$ "	.	.	.	47 75
John Gill, " 27 "	.	.	.	47 25
Daniel Leahy, " 18 "	.	.	.	36 00
John Desmond, " 18 $\frac{4}{5}$ "	.	.	.	32 88
John Mann, " 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	30 63
Patrick Feeney, " 16 "	.	.	.	28 00
Leonard Thayer, " 14 "	.	.	.	24 50
Patrick McGarrigle, " 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	21 75
Edward Burke, " 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	.	.	8 50
Arthur W. Austin, 319 loads of gravel,	.	.	.	25 52
Seth Mann, 2d, 267 " "	.	.	.	26 70
Charles A. Wales, 298 " "	.	.	.	23 84
Daniel Gibbons, 30 " "	.	.	.	2 40
John Long, 19 " "	.	.	.	1 90
John Leahy and others, picking stones,	.	.	.	14 50
M. M. Alden, for lumber,	.	.	.	5 14
Daniel Leahy, for posts,	.	.	.	4 20
Thomas Fardy & Son, for grate and repair'g tools,	.	.	.	2 70
Total,				\$702 53
Cr. by loam sold,				13 35
Total,				\$689 18

BRIDGE, DEPOT STREET, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P Pike, for team-work, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days,	.	.	\$13 00
Charles M. Holbrook, for labor, $3\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	.	7 00
Daniel Kiley, " 2 "	.	.	4 00
George W. Pierce, " 2 "	.	.	4 00
Jedediah French, " 2 "	.	.	4 00
John Desmond, " $1\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	.	3 50
Total,			<hr/> \$35 50

HIGHWAY REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor on stone,	.	.	.	\$24 00
George W. Pierce, " " "	.	.	.	18 60
Charles M. Holbrook, " " "	.	.	.	16 80
Jedediah French, " " "	.	.	.	16 60
George H. Sampson and others, for rend-rock and fuse, . . . . .	.	.	.	32 12
Corliss & Co., for repairing tools, . . . . .	.	.	.	10 00
Total, . . . . .	.	.	.	<hr/>\$118 12

DISTRICT NO. 10, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor.*

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 6 days with 4 horses, .	\$66 00
Frank Mann, " 4 " " 2 " .	22 00
Martin P. Pike, " 13 "	52 00
Josiah Clark, " 1 "	4 00
Jedediah French, for labor, $14\frac{3}{10}$ days,	28 60
Daniel Kiley, " 13 "	22 75
George B. Dench, " $13\frac{1}{2}$ "	23 62
P. Phillips, " 13 "	22 75
Lewis Jones, " 13 "	22 75
John Desmond, " 12 "	21 00
Timothy Sullivan, " 8 "	14 00
Thomas Duff, " 7 "	12 25
Charles Bump, " 5 "	8 75
Wales French, "	75
Linus Belcher, "	40
Aaron Prescott, 110 loads of gravel,	28 96
Daniel Kiley, 179 "	17 90
Martin P. Pike and others, picking stones,	4 90
Total,	<hr/> \$373 38

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others,	\$86 45
Louis Goeres and others,	62 16

Paid Daniel Leahy and others,	. . . . .	\$73 76
James Riley	"	64 00
Martin P. Pike	"	39 60
George W. Pierce	"	27 95
Thomas Good	"	21 92
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>\$375 84

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 105 funerals,	\$231 00
Ralph Houghton, for returning deaths,	18 25
Total,	<hr/> \$249 25

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State),	\$2,166 00
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STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1878.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State),	\$2,866 43
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see, for items, Engineers' Report),	\$2,943 95
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for year 1877,	\$274 50
Edson M. Roel, " 1878,	346 80
Total,	<hr/> \$621 30

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for year ending March 1, 1878,	\$10 00
Engineers Fire Department (salary and cash paid) to May 1, 1878,	80 00

Paid James A. Tower, School Committee, 1878-79, .	\$155 50
Winslow Battles, " 1878-79, .	95 00
James Molloy, " 1878-79, .	95 00
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
James A. Tower, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	275 00
Daniel Howard, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor;	275 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,260 50

RESERVOIRS.

RESERVOIR ALLEN STREET, *constructed under the direction of*
MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ days,	\$7 00
Jedediah French, for labor, 19 "	38 00
Daniel Kiley, " 19 "	38 00
Martin P. Pike, " 18 "	36 00
George B. Dench, " 18 "	31 50
P. Phillips, " 18 "	31 50
Lewis Jones, " 15 "	26 25
Charles Bump, " 7 "	12 25
John B. Thayer, labor and material,	60 00
Corliss & Co., for stone,	5 55
Lysander R. Peterson, for lumber,	4 70
M. M. Alden, "	2 32
John Cavannah, for use of pump,	3 00
A. J. Gove, for expressage on pump,	2 20
James Thayer, for labor,	50
Manus Gallagher, for labor,	87
For use of drills.	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$301 14
Cr. by gravel sold,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$300 14

OTHER RESERVOIR EXPENSES.

Paid Fire King Engine Co., labor, filling reservoirs, .	\$61 50
Independence Engine Co., " " "	37 50
Peter A. Wales, " " "	10 00
Goodrich & Co., conductors from hall to "	75 04
M. P. Pike and others, laying conductors, .	47 25
John B. Thayer, for labor and cement, . . .	23 35
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Total,	\$554 78

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Peter T. Rooney, part salary,	\$37 50
Thomas Hand, " "	37 50
Lysander R. Peterson, part salary,	320 83
Thomas Farrell, " "	112 50
Joseph Abenzella, " "	25 00
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Total,	\$533 33

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid John B. Thayer, Moderator, 1877, as per vote, .	\$10 00
Daniel Howard, " 1878, "	20 00
D. H. Huxford, printing 1,300 town reports, .	203 50
D. H. Huxford, printing 50 school reports, . .	7 00
D. H. Huxford, printing warrants, tax bills, notices and check lists,	116 50
Henry H. Francis, labor and material on hall doors, for copying,	77 22
R. W. Turner, for insurance,	15 00
R. W. Turner, for insurance,	114 00
Seth Turner, for insurance,	110 75
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	150 50
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	98 30
G. A. Tolman, award of referees,	284 00
one-half expense of referees,	25 56
Grand Army Post 110, as per vote,	100 00

Paid Turner Free Library, as per vote, . . .	\$500 00
Peter A. Wales & Sons, for pumps, and repairs, .	44 80
C. A. Wales, for conductors on hall, and repairs, .	46 10
James N. Bullock, for horse hire, . . .	23 00
Colin Boyd, care of hall, town meetings, . . .	7 50
Colin Boyd, care of selectmen's office, and repairs, .	28 38
Fire King Engine Co., filling reservoir, 1877, .	15 00
John S. Abbott, for guide-boards, . . .	4 00
Washington Thayer, sundry bills, . . .	1 80
M. R. Warren, for stationery, . . .	4 00
A. W. Mitchell, police badges, . . .	7 50
G. B. Dench, labor on flag-pole, . . .	3 00
Patrick Bohan, for labor on North Street, . . .	2 00
Eleazer Beal, for defining line on North Street, .	6 00
Florence Sullivan, for repairs, . . .	3 00
Doane & Greenough, for stationery, . . .	26 00
special police, July 4th, . . .	37 50
John G. Poole, for postage, . . .	15 12
E. M. Roel, expense of sale of R. Adams estate, .	19 15
H. H. Francis, for labor and material, . . .	6 25
Charles E. Higgins, painting guide-board, . . .	2 00
F. A. Walker, for merchandise, . . .	3 00
J. S. Paine, for merchandise, . . .	2 50
Colin Boyd, for pail, pitcher, &c., . . .	1 85
Thomas Groom, for tax-book, . . .	2 00
Daniel Leahy, wood for selectmen's office, . . .	15 50
Colin Boyd, for preparing wood, . . .	4 00
Frank J. Donahue, services as constable on town business, . . .	12 00
William Campbell, labor and repairs on pump, .	4 50
William Campbell, labor and repairs on hearse, .	15 00
Williams & Everett, for cleansing portrait, . .	9 30
F. Porter, for stationery, . . .	5 75
Charles K. Darling, for book, . . .	3 00
James A. Tower, expense, Rooney case, . . .	4 20
Daniel Howard, expense, Rooney case, . . .	2 00

Paid Messrs. Tower and Howard, bills, cash paid,	\$11 90
D. G. Corliss & Co., for stone-bounds,	4 00
Caleb Hayden, repairing shaft,	2 75
Winslow Alden, for repairs,	50
Michael Sullivan, for repairs,	1 50
John Q. Adams, for professional services,	10 00
Henry H. Francis, services as constable on town business,	17 50
William B. Hathaway, entertainment town offi- cers on election days,	19 25
William B. Hathaway, entertainment town officers,	58 75
William B. Hathaway, entertainment for firemen,	65 00
William B. Hathaway, bill of Agent of Board of Education,	6 00
A. J. Gove, expressage,	5 35
Martin P. Pike, distributing town reports,	5 00
Margaret Riley, for repairs,	1 00
D. B. White & Co., for merchandise,	92
Daniel Kelliher, for repairs,	50
Total,	\$2,428 95

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The needs of the poor out of the almshouse, though by the continued depression of business throughout the year rendered quite large in the aggregate, have been met under the law in a spirit of justice and humanity.

The almshouse continues under the supervision of Mr. Martin P. Pike, and his wife, the matron, who conduct the establishment in keeping with the well-known reputation previously attained in that department. It has been conducted during the past year in a manner which has secured to its inmates the comforts that could reasonably be demanded, as was designed should be the case, while the average number supported during the year is larger than the previous year, at somewhat less cost per capita.

The inside of the building has been partly painted and otherwise improved, as have the outside and out-buildings entirely, which much improves their appearance.

The old boiler and heating apparatus, which have always been but poorly adapted to the uses of the house, becoming entirely inadequate to its wants, had to be removed to make room for something more suitable, which has been furnished and put in place, working very successfully in every respect. A pound has been constructed on the almshouse grounds, to meet the wants of the town in that regard.

The whole number supported in the almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1879, in whole or in part, was thirty-two; the average number, twenty; and increase of three for a full year.

Names of persons supported in the almshouse for the year ending
March 1, 1879: —

Polly Copeland.	Angeline Buckley.
Eunice Delano.	Mary Ellen Buckley.
Ellen Kennedy.	Maggie McLaughlin.
Elias Cole.	Teresa Long.
Peter Reardon.	Ellen Barry.
Emory Delano.	Patrick Barry.
Lewis Linfield.	William Morrissey.
Catharine Condon.	Mrs. Mary Quinlan.
Hannah Barry.	Katie Quinlan.
Mary Barry.	Margaret Quinlan.
Frances McMath.	John O'Brien.
Thomas Stevens.*	James O'Brien.
Mary Veazie.	Mary O'Brien.
Michael Clark.	Edward Burns.†
George C. Currie.*	Henry Jones.
Ellen Buckley.	John Harris.‡

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year, . . .	\$500 00
Charles Prescott for supplies,	343 10
Holmes & Blanchard for heating apparatus, . . .	374 02
John B. Thayer for labor and material,	104 82
J. White Belcher for grain and meal,	124 87
Josiah Clark for meat,	131 91
Messrs. Burrill & Miles, painting almshouse, . .	90 50
Wadsworth Bros. & Howland for paint and oil, . .	81 77
Conants & Sanborn for supplies,	46 00
Cochran Brothers & Co. for supplies,	36 00
R. W. Turner & Co. for coal,	149 11
Nathan Rosenfeld for merchandise,	62 93

* Refunded.

† Deceased.

‡ Discharged.

Paid Sidney French for boots and shoes,	\$37 86
William Campbell for material and repairs,	40 12
Henry M. White for supplies,	37 50
Charles A. Wales for merchandise,	20 16
Thomas J. Hill for supplies,	24 57
N. E. Buck for tea, coffee, &c.,	16 40
E. A. Allen for medical attendance,	31 50
T. T. Cushman " "	15 00
C. C. Farnham " "	2 50
George Brett " "	15 00
F. Porter for medicine,	15 05
sundry bills for groceries,	15 66
Mrs. E. Briggs for cow,	28 00
L. Hoffman for clothing,	12 74
Joseph McMullin for clothing,	11 50
heirs of William Cole for pasture,	16 00
A. J. Gove for expressage,	12 20
J. B. Rhines for lumber,	19 50
C. M. Holbrook for labor on pound,	13 25
George W. Pierce " "	9 95
Daniel Kiley " "	9 00
John Friel " "	8 00
N. F. Roel for use of derrick,	4 50
L. R. Peterson for labor and material,	15 20
Old Colony R. R. Co. for freight,	6 78
D. B. White for varnish,	3 90
F. L. Tilton for varnish,	1 95
Morris Tasker & Co. for steam-gauge,	3 00
Swampscott Machine Co. for damper,	1 75
Moses C. Beal for sundry bills,	1 00
Peter A. Wales & Son for repairs on pump,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,495 57
Cr. by cash paid treasurer for labor, board, and produce sold, and by bills due,	652 16
Net cost,	<hr/> \$1,843 41

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Packard, board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid A. S. Niles, board,	208 00
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R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	15 00
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Paid for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital, .	193 60
for James F. Forest, at " "	197 15
for John Lynch,* at " "	115 50
for Mrs. John F. Kennedy,† at State Lunatic Hospital, .	142 28
for Mrs. Maggie Snow, at " "	64 00
for Annie Clark,† at " "	95 36
for Thomas Harris, at State Reform School, .	15 00
for Stillman Jones,	136 60
for Richmond Jones,	77 91
for Asa Morton,	89 22
for Mrs. William Grady,	160 95
for Mrs. Mary Drury,	144 23
for John Kelliher,	24 60
for Mrs. Almira Giles, part at Braintree, . .	129 65
for Bradford W. Sylvester,	146 30
for Mrs. John Walsh,	102 60
for Mrs. Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr., at N. H.), .	69 00
for George A. Faunce,	79 81
for J. Wales Sylvester, at Canton,	98 10
for Mrs. John Fencer, at Boston and Brockton, .	85 30
for Edward Burns,	124 40
for Mrs. Patrick McKay,	43 00
for Mrs. Margaret E. Kennedy,	31 50
for Mrs. Philip Kenney,	175 34
for Mrs. Hiram Wilson,	76 00
for Thomas Donohue,	106 50

* Deceased.

† Discharged.

Paid for Mrs. E. S. Pulson,	\$101 10
for Mrs. James Riley,	85 30
for Mrs. Richard Carey,	37 63
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon,	114 00
for Leora Simpson,	87 36
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt,	42 50
for Ozias D. Daniels,	32 50
for Mrs. Charles V. Sloan, at Brockton,	50 00
for L. P. Holbrook, at Quincy,	114 57
for Mrs. Patrick Howard, at Braintree,	48 83
for Mrs. Mary Hall,	39 00
for Alexander Holbrook,	32 00
for John A. Driscoll,	27 65
for Mrs. Rosé Gill,	30 80
for Luke O'Riley,	21 50
for Michael McGraine,	20 50
for Thomas Patten,	17 00
for James Brady,	16 00
for Robert E. Weaver,	16 00
for Charles Acherson,	14 50
for Michael Clark,	12 95
for Eugene O'Riley,	12 80
for Henry Jones,	10 40
for James Fitzgerald,	10 50
for Mary A. Scott, at Boston,	9 37
for William Barry,	9 00
for Mrs. Margaret Deneil,	6 00
for Mrs. Cornelius Foley,	6 00
for Mrs. William Barry,	4 00
for Richard McNair,	8 09
for sundry bills refunded,	136 50
for sundry small bills for aid,*	71 75
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Total,	\$4,293 00

* Part to be refunded.

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN
RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK THROUGH MILITARY
SERVICES.

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital, .	\$205 91
for Mrs. Rose Murphy,	202 53
for Mrs. Lysander C. Morse,	240 42
for Mrs. William H. Simpson, part at Lowell, .	188 75
for Mrs. Christiana Sloan,	146 73
for Mrs. Mary A. Quinlan, part at Woburn, .	107 32
for Mrs. Francis Boyle,	49 26
for Mrs. O'Gorman, at Boston,	44 20
for Mrs. Mary Mullins, at Boston,	16 13
for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand,	25 38
for Frederic Hill, at Oakham,	184 00
for Albert W. Stetson,	141 50
for John Mann,	78 35
for Walter A. Jones,	95 25
for Albert Howard, part at Brockton,	90 00
for L. F. Leavitt, at Quincy,	86 50
for A. L. Leavitt, at Quincy,	18 00
for Joseph W. Wilbur,	25 25
for William Tilson,	15 50
for John Kiley,	17 00
for William Whitten,	6 00
for John Crosby,	4 00
for Patrick Doherty, at Lowell,	3 00
for George F. French,	3 00
Total,	<u>\$1,993 98</u>

One-third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in the alms-
house paid by Holbrook.

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Catharine Curtis, Holbrook,	\$209 42
for Lucius Hollis, Holbrook,	180 50

Paid for Mrs. Isaac N. Pendergrass, Holbrook, . . .	\$14 00
for Lysander Miller, Holbrook,	4 00
for Stephen Farnum, Methuen,	122 50
for Elizabeth Farnum, Methuen,	103 75
for Francis Blanchard, Brockton,	161 76
for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton,	157 88
for Bridget Hoye, Taunton,	97 00
for Amelia P. Lawlor, Stoughton,	95 00
for John F. Clark, Stoughton,	10 00
for Edmund Burke, Foxborough,	65 80
for David L. Burrill, Canton,	30 50
for George R. Litchfield, Quincy,	30 00
for Peter Gallagher, Quincy,	18 00
for Hewitt Baker, Pembroke,	26 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury,	8 00
for John Carlin, Milford,	4 00
for J. Frank Holbrook, Braintree,	27 08
for Elbridge Hayden, Braintree,	12 00
for Andrew Nightingale, Braintree,	7 00
for Amanda S. Langley, Braintree,	1 03
for Francis Cook, Braintree,	7 00
for Mrs. W. A. Shaw, Abington,	24 00
Total,	\$1,416 22

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, for lodging 747 tramps in lock-up, . .	\$140 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	29 15
W. H. Smith, for charcoal,	4 65
R. W. Turner, for coal,	3 50
Colin Boyd, for repairs,	5 35
Edward A. Perry, for keys and repairs,	3 30
Total,	\$185 95
Paid for Thomas Hunt,	6 00
Total,	\$191 95

The undersigned, Auditors of accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1879, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

V. H. DEANE,
FRANK MORTON,
HALE S. HOWARD,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph, 1879.

RANDOLPH, March 20, 1879.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, ETC., MARCH 1, 1879.

1 horse,	\$200 00
3 cows,	100 00
16 hens,	10 00
2 pigs,	10 00
9½ tons hay — English,	200 00
½ ton fresh hay,	5 00
1 farm wagon,	65 00
1 horse cart,	65 00
1 carriage,	100 00
1 sled,	9 00
1 stone-drag and chain,	5 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
3 harnesses,	25 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	1 75
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6 00
2 ploughs,	6 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
1 saw-horse,	75
1 snow-shovel,	50
4 hoes,	1 25
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5 00
1 churn,	2 00
1 boiler,	2 00
40 bushels potatoes,	40 00
¾ box soap,	4 68
5 pounds coffee,	75
1 pound chocolate,	40
4 gallons molasses,	2 00

3 pounds sugar,	\$0 30
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour,	4 00
18 iron bed-steads,	100 00
28 colored blankets,	20 00
25 white blankets,	20 00
5 colored bed spreads,	4 00
5 comforters,	7 00
7 feather-beds,	56 00
19 under-beds,	25 00
57 sheets,	24 00
10 double sheets,	5 00
36 pillow-cases,	15 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
20 towels,	2 50
Table-cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	12 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrel, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	25 00
6 flat-irons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1 25
1 steelyards,	1 50
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
3 hammers and 13 drills,	25 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
1 clock,	4 00
1 cord wood,	6 00
1 road-scraper,	30 00
$1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal,	10 00
275 pounds pork,	25 00
1 washing-machine.	8 00

50 pounds lard,	\$5 00
6 pounds butter,	1 50
9 lamps,	4 50
6 flour barrels,	3 50
1½ yards cotton flannel,	22
6 yards crash,	48
121 pounds ham,	10 00
1 barrel crackers,	2 62
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Total,	\$1,520 95

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1879-80.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town:—

For schools (see report of School Committee), . .	\$7,920 00
repairs, furniture, and incidental expenses, .	1,080 00
highways,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
Fire Department (see report of Engineers), .	3,250 00
South and Mill streets (by order of County Commissioners),	4,000 00
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	\$32,250 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT

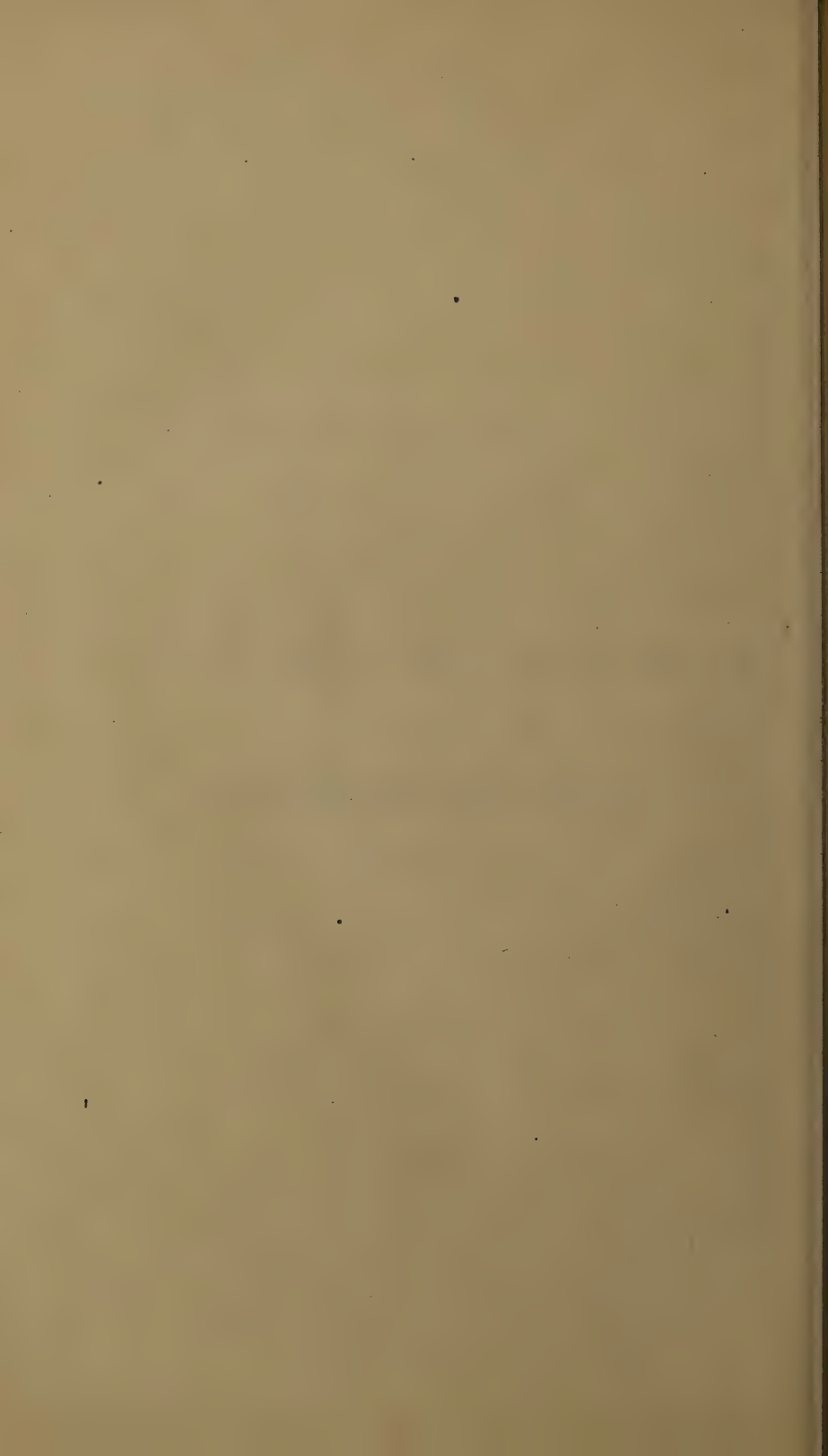
OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1878-79.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph:

That great writer, called distinctively the poet of Nature, says that, "*Nature never did betray the heart that loved her.*" The beauty of his sentences so captivates the imagination, that the reader hardly stops to ask if the sentiments are true, but as a matter of fact we know, that Nature does continually betray the hearts that try to love her. The husbandman who ploughs the soil, and carefully places seeds within the pulverized mould, is fearful all the time that Nature will betray him. He knows by experience, that a drouth may come and wither the plants away in their first green growth. He fully understands that insects and grubs are waiting, patiently abiding the time, when they, if not exterminated, will attack the growing leafage and destroy it in an hour. Thus the forces and economy of Nature demand a constant and eternal vigilance as the price of fruits in their seasons, and even then with the element of uncertainty hanging over it all. If after the toil of the week, the husbandmen gather in their churches to return thanks for blessings received, they have still to reflect that, according to natural law, the higher the steeple rises above their heads the greater the chances are that it will be struck by lightning. But by knowledge the husbandman, with scientific appliances, has reduced the uncertainties attending his calling to an almost infinitesimal point, and by the invention of the philosophic Franklin the congregation remains in safety, during the fiercest storms. And so we are constrained to change one word in the charming lines of the poet, and say that,

*" Knowledge never did betray
 The heart that loved her ; 'tis her privilege,
 Through all the years of this our life, to lead
 From joy to joy ; for she can so inform
 The mind that is within us, so impress
 With quietness and beauty, and so feed
 With lofty thoughts, that neither evil tongues,
 Rash judgments, nor the sneers of selfish men
 Shall e'er prevail against us, or disturb
 Our cheerful faith that all which we behold
 Is full of blessings."*

The Committee report that the condition of the schools remains unchanged, so far as teachers are concerned, with the exception of the North Grammar School, where Mr. Arthur C. Wadsworth has been engaged to fill a vacancy, and the Committee desire to bear testimony in favor of the efficient work done in that school by him. By the statutes of 1878, the town is obliged to adopt By-Laws in relation to truants, or else lose their portion of the income of the State school fund, and the Committee present the following for consideration at the town meeting.

TRUANT LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The town of Randolph hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following By-Laws.

ARTICLE 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Plummer Farm School, at Salem, for confinement, instruction, and discipline.

ARTICLE 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of

the truant laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previously to making any complaint under these laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the School Committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ARTICLE 7. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

Last year the Committee asked for an appropriation of \$9,000 to meet some extraordinary expenses. The town did not grant the request, but by economy in other departments the Committee have been enabled to make the repairs most needful, such as shingling of roofs to prevent damage by leakage, and they have still kept within the appropriation, there being a balance in their favor of \$2.37. They would also state that they have expended about \$100 for encyclopædias and books of reference, which may properly be added to the assets of the town.

During the ensuing year other unusual repairs must be made; the sills of the school building in District No. 6 being so decayed that the front of the house has bulged out at the base three or four inches, and the out-buildings in some of the districts are in a very

bad condition. The Committee therefore ask for the following appropriations:—

For teaching,	\$7,000 00
fuel,	450 00
care of rooms,	470 00
incidentals,	600 00
repairs,	480 00
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							\$9,000 00

Respectfully,

JAMES A. TOWER, *Chairman.*
 WINSLOW BATTLES, *Secretary.*
 JAMES MOLLOY.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1878-79.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas West, 1 year (including extra services), .	\$1,013 83
William A. Copeland, 13 weeks,	260 00
A. C. Wadsworth, 25 weeks,	500 00
Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	374 88
Estelle M. Redington, 38 weeks,	304 00
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	450 00
Isabel C. Beal, 38 weeks,	266 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	350 00
Annie Veazie, 38 weeks,	360 01
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	304 00
Kittie E. Sheridan, 38 weeks,	349 50
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	285 00
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	285 00
Ellen P. Henry, 38 weeks,	304 00
Sarah V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	325 00
Annie M. Wilde (Belcher), 38 weeks,	325 00
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	285 00
Minnie M. Babbitt, 38 weeks,	228 00
Total	<u>\$6,599 22</u>

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for fuel,	\$309 70
John Wales, wood,	17 00
Daniel Leahy, wood,	15 75
R. T. & E. M. Mann, wood,	3 50
Elbridge Jones, wood,	3 00
sundry persons for shavings, and sawing wood, .	28 55
Total,	<u>\$377 50</u>

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$212 86
Galen Hollis,	80 50
Lawrence Ormsby,	46 00
Henry Piper,	35 50
John T. Wales,	13 00
George W. Bump,	20 00
Mary Shields,	8 75
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Total,	\$416 61

FOR FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Henry H. Francis, for labor and material, . . .	\$383 10
Dole Brothers, for desks,	204 20
A. C. Stockin & Co., for books, &c.,	265 28
Robert S. Davis & Co., for books, &c.,	201 99
Brewer & Tileston, for books, &c.,	179 03
William Ware, for books, &c.,	128 71
Ginn & Heath, for books, &c.,	90 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material,	86 80
Nichols & Hall, for books, &c.,	62 61
D. P. Appleton, for books, &c.,	62 00
Knight, Adams & Co., books, &c.,	39 67
L. Prang & Co., for books, &c.,	27 13
D. H. Huxford, for printing,	37 75
Winslow Alden, for labor and material,	25 27
A. J. Gove, expressage,	20 35
Thomas H. West, for labor on books,	49 98
Hale S. Howard, for census of school children,	20 00
Patrick Feeney, for labor,	16 62
James P. Feeney, for labor,	7 00
Old Colony R. R. Corporation, freight,	12 55
John Q. Adams, professional services,	10 00
Thomas Murray, for painting,	7 85
Daniel Leahy, for team-work,	7 65

Paid sundry persons removing snow,	\$6 36
Carter & Dinsmore, for merchandise,	6 00
Doane & Greenough, stationery,	6 00
Charles E. Higgins, for painting,	6 00
Gilbert A. Tolman, for dusters,	6 00
Patrick Feeney, use of well,	6 00
Samuel W. Willard, use of well two years,	6 00
John Wales, use of well,	3 00
George W. Jones, use of well;	3 00
James Nash, for repairs,	6 00
Colin Boyd, care of office for school committee,	7 00
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	7 00
Winslow Battles, for horse hire,	3 50
D. B. Brooks, for merchandise,	3 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies,	1 55
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	16 99
Colin Boyd, for keys,	1 00
Tewksbury & Co., merchandise,	90
F. Porter, for stationery,	40
Thomas J. Hill, for supplies,	35
J. L. Hammett, for books, &c.,	2 66
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Total	\$2,044 25

Included in the above is cash refunded to the Town

Treasurer for books sold,	\$242 15
Stock of books on hand,	196 56
Uncollected bills,	171 44
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	\$610 15

Expenditures less than appropriation, \$2 37

TOTAL EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,599 22
for Stetson High School,	1,250 00
for fuel,	377 50
for care of school-rooms,	416 61
for miscellaneous expenses,	2,044 25
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Total	\$10,687 58

Respectfully,

JAMES A. TOWER, *Chairman,*
WINSLOW BATTLES,
JAMES MOLLOY,
School Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph :

GENTLEMEN :—The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following report.

The expenses have been as follows :—

Paid 25 men, services one year on Pioneer Hook and Ladder truck, \$12 each to May 1, 1878,	\$300 00
Paid 50 men, services one year on the Independence Engine, \$12 each to May 1, 1878,	600 00
Paid 50 men, services one year on the Fearless Engine, \$12 each to May 1, 1878,	600 00
Paid 50 men, services one year on the Fire King Engine, \$12 each to May 1, 1878,	600 00
Paid Mary Shields, washing Independence Hall, . . .	3 00
J. B. McGraine, steward of Independence Engine, . . .	21 75
Geo. B. Dench, steward of Fire King Engine, . . .	16 75
“ “ “ “ . . .	14 00
N. E. Knight, steward of Pioneer Hook and Ladder Truck,	5 50
G. A. Burrell, labor painting Fire King and Independence Engine-houses,	46 10
Louis Goeres, grading Independence Yard, . . .	5 00
G. W. Miles, labor painting,	60
H. Wilson, whitewashing Fire King Hall, . . .	3 00
Bishop & Co., extension ladder,	33 00
E. & F. King & Co., sponges,	2 35
Mary Sullivan, rent for land for Independence house,	10 00

Paid E. A. Perry, repairs on reservoir,	\$1 00
Hunneman & Co., repairs on Fearless Engine,	227 70
" " Fire King Engine,	67 75
H. H. Francis, repairs,	44 77
W. D. Beckford, 3 hooks,	60
Levi Wilbur, repairs, carting engine, &c.,	22 25
N. H. Tirrell, painting signs,	24 00
D. B. White & Co., lead, oil, &c.,	54 04
James Riley, rent of land for Fearless Engine- house,	10 00
George B. Dench, labor after the Turner fire,	5 50
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	7 65
W. Cartwright, repairs,	47 25
William Campbell, repairs,	1 60
" " and labor hook and ladder truck,	84 00
A. N. Hill & Co., keys,	5 95
E. A. Perry, repairs,	3 50
W. B. Hathaway, refreshments, 1875,	5 50
T. McGrath, removing snow,	1 00
G. F. Howard, steward of Fearless Engine,	13 25
R. Blanche, repairs,	2 00
C. Prescott, supplies,	3 75
C. A. Wales, supplies,	5 86
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	3 08
J. H. Wales, 2 poles for hook and ladder truck,	3 00
F. Porter, supplies,	1 55
M. P. Pike, grading yard of Fire King,	3 60
A. J. Gove, drawing engine and expressing,	12 75
James Bullock, team,	3 00
John T. Cartwright, labor,	7 00
A. S. Porter, drawing engine,	10 00
Whole amount,	\$2,943 95

RECEIPTS.

Received for rent of Fire King Hall,	\$10 00
for rent of Fearless Hall,	8 25
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Whole amount,	\$18 25

ORGANIZATION.

May 1, 1878, the department organized as follows :—

ENGINEERS.

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Chief*.

Levi Wilbur, Louis Goeres, Edward E. Lothrop, *Assistant Engineers*; E. E. Lothrop, *Clerk*.

COMPANIES.

Pioneer Hook and Ladder, No. 1, 25 men, C. A. Wales, *Foreman*.
Independence Engine, . . . 2, 50 men, James E. Neary, "
Fearless Engine, . . . 3, 50 men, Myron W. Hollis, "
Fire King Engine, . . . 5, 50 men, Patrick Mullens, "

The department has responded to the following fires and alarms :
Fire. July 3, at Tower Hill, house of H. L. Thayer. Extinguished with slight damages. Independence Engine, Fire King, and Pioneer Hook and Ladder present. *Fire.* July 23. Stable of Manus Gallagher, North Street; total loss. Engines Fire King, Independence, Fearless and Pioneer Hook and Ladder present. *Alarm.* House of John Russello, Warren Street; chimney on fire. Independence Engine present. *Alarm.* September 16. House on Morton Street. No damage. Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire King Engine present. *Fire.* September 16. Stable of S. & R. W. Turner, Main Street; total loss. First Congregational Church Building; damaged \$600. Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire King, Independence, Fearless engines present. *Fire.* November 27. Barn of C. A. Wales; total loss. Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire King, Independence, Fearless engines present. *Fire.* July 25.

House of Thomas J. Turpin, near Tower Hill; total loss. Independence, and Fearless engines responded.

CONDITION OF ENGINE-HOUSES, FIRE APPARATUS, HOSE, ETC.

ENGINE-HOUSES.

The Independence and Fire King houses have been painted and repaired, and, with the Fearless, are in good condition.

ENGINES.

The Fearless Engine has been put in through repair by Hunneman & Co., also the Fire King Engine has received repairs by Hunneman & Co., which were unavoidable.

Additions and repairs have been made to the Hook and Ladder Truck by Mr. Wm. Campbell, which were needed, at an expense which may be seen in the items of expenses for the year.

HOSE.

There is in the department about eighteen hundred feet of hose, and, with an exception of about four hundred feet purchased two years ago, is in poor condition. The Engineers are unanimous in asking the town to appropriate five hundred dollars for the purchase of hose.

At the same time the town should take action in relation to reservoirs, as there are localities where they are much needed, for an adequate supply of water and good hose are very essential to the success of the department.

FIRE ALARMS.

As may be seen, an article has been inserted in the warrant in relation to placing alarms on the respective engine-houses. The Engineers have taken pains to make an estimate of cost, which is three hundred dollars.

PAY OF MEN.

The town has always taken action as to the pay of engine-men, a matter we leave it to decide.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In making our estimate of amount of money needed for the ensuing year, we sum up as follows :—

Pay of men,	—
Hose,	\$500 00
Fire alarm,	300 00
Incidental,	350 00

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Chief,*
 LEVI WILBUR,
 LOUIS GOERES,
 EDWARD E. LOTHROP, *Clerk,*
Engineers of Fire Department.

Dr.		TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH	
March, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$531 77
Balance,			6,693 71
			<u>\$7,225 48</u>
April, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$3,077 80
Interest town notes,			132 00
Smith & Byram,			10 60
Balance,			4,088 31
			<u>\$7,308 71</u>
May, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$4,502 75
Balance,			1,713 68
			<u>\$6,216 43</u>
June, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$3,684 47
town note (interest),			30 00
Balance,			3,465 49
			<u>\$7,179 96</u>
July, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$1,420 89
Balance,			2,344 60
			<u>\$3,765 49</u>
August, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$1,325 69
town notes,			96 00
" " (Commonwealth),			525 00
Balance,			497 91
			<u>\$2,444 60</u>
September, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$1,807 85
E. Perry,			75
			<u>\$1,808 60</u>

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, TREASURER.

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March, 1878.

By cash balance, \$7,225 48

\$7,225 48

April, 1878.

By cash balance, \$6,693 71

from other towns, 448 00

Sale of stone steps, 7 00

License (Mrs. Jacobs), 10 00

License, liquor, 150 00

\$7,308 71

May, 1878.

By cash balance, \$4,088 31

from Town of Braintree, 50 68

Liquor licenses, 750 00

E. M. Roel, tax of 1877, 1,327 44

\$6,216 43

June, 1878.

By cash balance, \$1,713 68

from Town of Foxborough, 127 50

sale of school books, 138 78

liquor licenses, 200 00

R. N. Bank (borrowed), 5,000 00

\$7,179 96

July, 1878.

By cash balance, \$3,465 49

for liquor licenses, 300 00

\$3,765 49

August, 1878.

By cash balance, \$2,344 60

for liquor licenses, 100 00

\$2,444 60

September, 1878.

By cash balance, \$197 91

from E. M. Roel, tax of 1877, 928 32

" " extra, tax of 1877, 59 80

for liquor licenses, 100 00

Balance, 222 57

\$1,808 60

Dr.		TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH	
October, 1878.			
To cash balance,			\$222 57
paid on town orders,			1,598 09
note at R. N. Bank,			5,000 00
interest on above,			76 39
Balance,			10,299 56
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			\$17,196 61
November, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$4,247 78
treasurer Commonwealth, for liquor licenses,			400 00
treasurer county, dog money,			324 80
Balance,			6,938 71
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			\$11,911 29
December, 1878.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$3,014 37
State Treasurer, State tax,			1,370 00
" " bank tax,			2,349 86
interest on town note of \$5,000,			300 00
Balance,			6,973 84
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			\$14,008 07
January, 1879.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$4,152 50
Turner Library, dog money,			279 97
Balance,			5,472 23
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			\$9,904 70
February, 1879.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$2,338 30
Balance,			5,309 70
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			\$7,648 00
March, 1879.			
To cash paid on town orders,			\$6,102 88
Commonwealth, town note,			2,500 00
" interest,			525 00
P. McMahon, interest,			204 00
E. Moulton, interest,			54 00
expense account,			116 85
Treasurer's salary,			100 00
interest, note of R. Savings Bank,			300 00
Balance,			5,418 12
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			\$15,320 85

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, TREASURER.

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October, 1878.	
By cash from E. M. Roel, tax of 1878,	\$17,108 61
dividend, R. N. Bank,	88 00
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	\$17,196 61
November, 1878.	
By cash balance,	\$10,299 56
from E. M. Roel, tax of 1878;	1,286 93
from dog licenses,	324 80
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	\$11,911 29
December, 1878.	
By cash balance,	\$6,838 71
from State Treasurer, state aid,	2,118 83
" " corporation tax,	1,625 69
" " national bank tax,	3,178 85
from Town of Stoughton,	146 00
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	\$14,008 07
January, 1879.	
By cash balance,	\$6,973 84
from H. L. Pierce, for rent of Ponkapong pond,	1 00
E. M. Roel, tax of 1878,	2,384 21
R. Adams,	30 00
county treasurer, dog money,	279 97
income of school fund,	235 68
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	\$9,904 70
February, 1879	
By cash balance,	\$5,472 23
from E. M. Roel, tax of 1878,	2,175 77
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	\$7,648 00
March, 1879.	
By cash balance,	\$5,309 70
from E. M. Roel, tax of 1878,	2,970 48
R. N. Bank (borrowed),	5,000 00
sale of salt-grass (Quincy),	30 00
R. Adams,	10 00
rent of engine-houses,	18 25
sale of school-books,	103 37
board of Garrett Noonan,	85 58
state aid,	76 00
Town of Holbrook,	1,398 42
George F. Howard,	1 50
town farm,	181 05
bills refunded,	136 50
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	\$15,320 85

The Auditors of the Town of Randolph for the current fiscal year, have attended to their duties, and find the accounts of the Town Treasurer correct, each item being accompanied by its corresponding voucher.

V. H. DEANE,
FRANK MORTON,
HALE S. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

RANDOLPH, MASS., March 20, 1879.

STATE OF THE TREASURY, MARCH 18, 1879.

Dr.

3 notes to Commonwealth (\$5,000 each),	\$15,000 00
1 note to Randolph National Bank,	5,000 00
1 " " " Savings Bank,	5,000 00
1 " " Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
6 notes to Patrick McMahon,	3,400 00
1 note to Lemuel Wentworth,	1,600 00
1 " " Ebenezer Moulton,	900 00
1 " " Lucy A. Wilbur,	500 00
1 " " Geo H. Nichols,	200 00
1 " " Jephthah Howard,	2,000 00
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	\$38,600 00
Estimated amount of interest unpaid,	275 00
" " " bills "	100 00
Unsettled tax bill (H. B. Alden, collector),	80 24
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Present town debt,	\$39,055 24
Reduction of town debt,	\$2,500 00

Value Randolph National Bank Stock, 8 shares (Coddington fund),	\$1,600 00
Value Salt Marsh (Coddington fund),	500 00
Due from E M Roel (on tax of 1878),	2,196 19
from other towns,	1,148 46
from R Adams (note and interest),	899 85
from Town Treasurer,	5,418 12
for State Aid,	4,000 00
for " " (under law of 1878),	2,866 43
for board of person at Almshouse,	80 00
for uncollected bills for school books,	171 44
Stock of school-books on hand,	196 56
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Total,	\$19,077 05

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C FARNHAM,
Town Treasurer

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund respectfully submit their annual report. Our investments remaining as heretofore, we give the list as repeated for several years.

10 shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10	“ Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	“ Hide and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	“ Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	“ Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	“ Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	“ Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20	“ Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13	“ Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13	“ Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
		\$10,600

The receipts and disbursements are shown by financial account annexed. The decrease in income from our stocks and the rent of Stetson Hall, together with the amount rendered necessary for putting the Hall in repair, added to the deficit with which we commenced the year (although the expenses of carrying on the school have not been increased), leave our treasury again in debt to our Secretary in the sum of two hundred sixty-three dollars and $\frac{57}{100}$, to be met the coming year.

As the exact condition is so apparent upon the statement rendered, we can see nothing necessary but to name the least amount that will be required from the town to enable the Trustees to faith-

fully carry on the work entrusted to their Board; they therefore respectfully ask that the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the further support of the school the ensuing year.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

At the opening of the school April 1st, 1878, under the charge of Mr. V. H. Deane, principal, and Miss Harriet B. Stetson, assistant, there were forty applicants examined, ten of whom — eight girls and two boys — passed a satisfactory examination and were admitted; making the whole number of pupils at the commencement, sixty-six. At the opening of the fall term, September 2d, the services of Miss Augusta Bunker, of Nantucket, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, with high recommendations, which her subsequent labor justified, were secured as assistant in place of Miss Alice Hanson, who occupied the position for a few days, previously made vacant by the resignation of Miss Stetson, who left on account of greater inducements in the way of salary, to accept a position in a school in Nashua, N. H.

The average number of pupils is fifty-five, and the school has been in session thirty-eight weeks.

The disproportion apparent between the number of applicants and the number of admissions is very largely due to the fact that many pupils from other than the graduating class in the grammar schools, apply at every commencement, whom the Trustees feel constrained to admit to an examination under the condition of the Stetson donation, though neither, as is sometimes the case, the pupils themselves, the teachers below, the School Committee or the Trustees, have reason to expect them to be found qualified to enter upon a course of high school study.

This habit of sending pupils, known not to be qualified for admission, to this or any other school, is a bad one, and could only be injurious to the pupil, even should he by any mistake be admitted, as no good can come from membership in a school where the course of study pursued is based upon the presumption that the pupil is in possession of knowledge of which he is deficient.

The school maintains the high position which it has for some

time occupied under competent instructors, this being rendered very clear by the highly satisfactory examination passed generally, and the great excellence of the exercises of the graduating class at the close of the year, March 8, 1879, in the presence of the Trustees, the School Committee, the clergy of the town, and a very large number of the friends and patrons of the school.

The graduating class consisted of thirteen pupils, and was as follows:—

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Kate A. Kiley.	Carrie L. Wilkins.
Mary D. Dooley.	Sarah A. Wentworth.
Nellie M. Tracy.	George H. Thayer, Jr.
Annie Harris.	Elmer L. Willis.
Clara F. Shaw.	Joseph McMahon.
Mary L. Howard.	Charles J. Flynn.
Frank Linfield.	

The first term of the ensuing year will open Monday, March 24, inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., when applicants for admission will be examined.

T. T. CUSHMAN,
CHAS. H. HOWARD,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

RANDOLPH, March 19, 1879.

Dr.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCOUNT

April, 1878.	
To Cash Exchange Bank, dividend,	\$45 00
Shoe and Leather Bank, dividend,	25 00
Eliot Bank, dividend,	30 00
Randolph Bank, dividend,	78 00
Shawmut Bank, dividend,	32 50
Boylston Bank, dividend,	30 00
Webster Bank, dividend,	20 00
Tremont Bank, dividend,	20 00
Old Boston Bank, dividend,	30 00
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	\$310 50
June, 1878.	
To Cash town appropriation,	1,250 00
October, 1878.	
To Cash Shoe and Leather Bank, dividend,	\$20 00
Exchange Bank, dividend,	30 00
Eliot Bank, dividend,	20 00
Hide and Leather Bank, dividend,	25 00
Hide and Leather Bank, dividend (April),	25 00
Webster Bank, dividend,	20 00
Boylston Bank, dividend,	20 00
Shawmut Bank dividend,	32 50
Old Boston Bank, dividend,	30 00
Tremont Bank, dividend,	20 00
Randolph Bank, dividend,	65 00
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	307 50
To Cash received of sundry parties, for the use of the hall since last report,	176 50
March, 1879.	
State taxes refunded,	146 95
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	\$2,191 45
To Balance against the fund, and due S. Turner,	263 57

 \$2,455 02

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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March, 1878.	
By balance against the fund, and due Secretary,	\$220 88
April 8, 1878.	
By paying D. H. Huxford's bill,	6 00
April 12, 1878.	
By paying M. F. Whiton & Co's. bill, wire, rope, &c.,	7 10
May 10, 1878.	
By paying V. H. Deane's bill, books, paper, &c.,	14 68
May 27, 1878.	
By paying Miss Stetson's bill, salary, 8 2-5 weeks,	96 92
June 25, 1878.	
By paying Miss Hanson's bill, salary, 4 weeks and 3 days,	57 50
June 27, 1878.	
By paying V. H. Deane's bill, salary, one quarter,	300 00
June 8, 1878.	
By paying Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, bill, merchandise,	2 92
July 5, 1878.	
By paying Colin Boyd's bill, services and items,	27 09
July 8, 1878.	
By paying H. Hybennett, bill, painting, &c.,	109 60
July 12, 1878.	
By paying Charles O. Doe, bill, curtains,	75 00
July 24, 1878.	
By paying Benjamin Belcher, bill, labor, &c.,	23 37
August 7, 1878.	
By paying Wakefield Rattan Company, bill, merchandise and labor,	89 00
September, 1878.	
By paying F. A. Stanley, bill, labor,	8 60
J. O. Whittemore, bill,	5 00
September 30, 1878.	
By paying V. H. Deane, bill, salary and items,	312 50
October, 1878.	
By paying V. H. Deane, bill, blackboard and rubbers,	18 00
Miss Bunker, bill, salary 8 weeks,	105 28
November 23, 1878.	
By paying Miss Bunker, bill, salary to date,	52 64
Colin Boyd's bill, care of room, &c.,	23 61
December 4, 1878.	
By paying J. E. Nash, bill, repairs of clocks,	2 75
December 18, 1878.	
By paying D. B. White & Co., bill, sundries,	41 09
December 31, 1878.	
By paying Frank Porter, bill, 1876-77,	4 15
D. H. Huxford, bill, September, 1878,	3 75
J. L. Wilde, bill, tuning organ,	3 50
V. H. Deane, bill, salary and items,	303 00
R. W. Turner & Co., bill, coal, July,	37 50
January 4, 1879.	
By paying Miss Bunker, bill, salary to date,	52 64
March 5, 1879.	
By paying Miss Bunker, bill, salary,	65 80
March 12, 1879.	
By paying V. H. Deane, salary and sundries,	302 50
Trustees and Secretary, services one year,	20 00
J. B. Thayer's bill, repairs,	3 00
Charles A. Wales' bill, repairs,	7 01
Miss Bunker's salary,	52 64
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	\$2,455 02
March, 1879.	
Balance against the fund,	263 57

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The balance against the fund, two hundred and sixty-three 57-100 dollars. The investments remain the same as last year, in the bank stock reported by the Trustees, the par value of which is \$10,000, the certificates remaining in the hands of the Secretary, Seth Turner.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,
Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 20, 1879.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1878-79.

SETH TURNER, *President.*

J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE.

REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

JOHN T. FLOOD, JAMES A. TOWER, DANIEL HOWARD,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL, NATHANIEL
HOWARD, JOHN B. THAYER, J. WINSOR PRATT.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant.

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In conformity with the by-laws of the "Turner Free Library," the President, representing the Trustees, offers to the town, the Third Annual Report. As before, it covers only the "calendar" year of 1878 in its financial features, book operations, and general matters; although incidental allusions may be made to current matters which have transpired to the present date in 1879. Mr. J. Winsor Pratt has been elected a Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the death of Mr. John L. French. The first element required in the report relates to the

TRUST.

This covers all the property held and more particularly under the care of the respective committees, which are made accountable to the Board. The Finance Committee reports to the Trustees, that the cash portion of the fund remains in its original condition, and consists of a note of the Town of Randolph for \$5,000, bearing interest at six per centum, and which is in the custody of the Treasurer.

THE BUILDING.

The proper committee reports but small outlay on this head, and has no real reason to anticipate any unusual expenditures the current year. During the year, the Reading Room has been connected with the Library Hall by a convenient door, which, in its use, fully justifies the change; giving as it does to the Librarian a care for proper order in the first-named room. The Trustees make no recommendations of extraordinary expenditures in this connection.

LIBRARY.

An abstract from the Librarian's Report to the Trustees, will give the town the facts illustrating its operations during the year 1878.

Number of days open to the public,	291
Volumes issued for six months to July 1, 1878,	15,404
Jan. 1, 1879,	9,493
Largest daily issue for six months to July 1, 1878,	340
Jan. 1, 1879,	250
Average daily issue for 1878,	85
Smallest daily issue for 1878,	5
Number of volumes in the Library Jan. 1, 1879,	6,115
Jan. 1, 1878,	5,441
Additions for the year,	674
Largest monthly issue during 1878, March,	3,101
Smallest monthly issue during 1878 (excluding December, in which month the Library was closed several days for examination), June,	1,977
Average monthly issue for the year,	2,074
Number of cards in use for six months to July 1, 1878,	1,693
Jan. 1, 1879,	1,754
The issues of the year are in excess of 1877,	3,601

All other figures above exceed the corresponding statistics of 1877, excepting in one particular,—the highest daily issue,—which on one day in 1877 reached 360, or 20 beyond the largest of 1878, easily explained by attending circumstances. With the very satisfactory increased use of the Library, the Trustees are gratified in being able to report a commendable improvement in the character of the books called for; a much larger percentage of History, Travel, Biography, and kindred works, being used, while Fiction of the more objectionable character, has not maintained the lead taken in former years. It is well known and fully confessed, that there are many books classed as Fiction, which all highly appreciate, and which will

always take a front rank in every well conducted Library, and be read with profit, as instructive—tending to the promotion of a cultivated taste in the use of books. It is equally true, that many publications are issued from the press, whose influence upon the minds of the readers, to say the least, is not productive of good, but quite the reverse; that please only for the time being, and are rarely called for after a first perusal; *never worth* a second reading.

In the last report it was asserted, on good authority, that the patronage of Public Libraries was in marked and favorable contrast with the use of preceding years, in the nature of the books read, and our experience of the year 1878 fully confirms that position.

The Library Committee has endeavored to meet, as far as possible, the wants of the community, in their selections, never forgetting the popularity of Fiction, and the eagerness with which a really good "Novel" is sought, and constantly appreciated.

The Committee is at all times desirous and happy to receive suggestions from the community in the selection of books, and will endeavor to exercise an impartial discrimination in the additions.

The annual examination of the Library was made in December, the Committee finding every book, with one exception, in its place (the diligence of the Librarian having since discovered the missing volume). The good order and condition of the Library were highly commended, and are very creditable to the Librarian and Miss Boyd, his assistant.

At the same time, the examination of the books indicated a somewhat hard usage of a portion, which has given the Trustees the reputation of conducting a library requiring more "repairs" or re-binding than (with one exception) any other under the notice of the publishers who furnish a large proportion of our volumes. The constant care of the Librarian and assistant has been essential in order to show to friends, visitors, and patrons the good exhibit presented. It should be remembered by all users that the item of repairs for each year is no inconsiderable element in annual expenditures, and every dollar so used diminishes the supply of reading matter. Renewed reference is made to this subject in order to impress upon all the importance of treating Library books as if they are the property

of readers, and should be so preserved. A better patronage of the Reading Room would be gratifying, as the Trustees have endeavored to give a good supply of newspapers and magazines, while several reference volumes have been added and new facilities given for convenient use. Our neighboring towns are well supplied with Public Libraries, which are increasing in number, and although our means are largely exceeded by some in operation and by others initiated, the Trustees pledge their best efforts to make the Randolph Library merit the reputation they are happy to know it enjoys.

FUNDS.

The Treasurer's account, annexed, exhibits in a condensed form the financial operations of the year, and requires little explanation. The balance of cash on hand is about the same as at the close of 1877, and shows quite liberally; but it should be remembered that the receipts accrue largely in the latter months of the year, swelling at that period the cash of the fund, while the earlier months give only a sufficient amount to meet current expenses. The Board aims at promptness in payments, and to make its patronage desirable to booksellers. The by-laws require the President to present to the town estimates for expenditures and probable income. The expenses it is thought will vary little from those of 1878, anticipating no extraordinary ones, though such may at any time occur.

To meet them we place our rents at	\$600 00
Interest on permanent fund (town note \$5,000), . . .	300 00
And ask the "dog money" (by estimation), . . .	300 00
And the Trustees respectfully request the same appropriation as for 1878,	500 00
Total,	\$1,700 00

The condensed account of Royal W. Turner, Treasurer, follows, and has been duly audited.

RECEIPTS.

1878.

Jan.	Balance on hand,	\$1,122 38
	Fines received of the Librarian,	44 50
	Catalogues sold by Librarian,	5 50
	Money received from Town for dog licenses,	358 15
	Rents received from Randolph N. Bank,	200 00
	from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
	from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
	for use of upper rooms,	41 33
	Cash received from Banks for proportion of heat,	50 00
	from Banks for proportion of light,	30 00
	from Parish, for proportion of light,	35 00
	from S & R. W. Turner, for proportion of light,	100 00
	from Town appropriation,	500 00
	from Town, interest on town note (\$5,000, the amount of the Fund),	300 00
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		\$3,186 86

EXPENDITURES.

1878.	Amount paid Librarian for services,	\$500 00
	+ Librarian, extra, by vote,	50 00
	for two extinguishers,	80 00
	for repairs, gas-fixtures, and sundries,	97 60
	for gasoline,	196 64
	janitor, for services,	125 00
	janitor, for sundries,	7 45
	for additional insurance,	50 00
	for postage,	1 10
	for coal,	110 50
	for expressage,	27 85
	for books, papers, pamphlets, printing, &c.,	667 03
	Balance on hand deposited in Randolph Bank,	1,073 69
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		\$3,186 86

Respectfully submitted.

SETH TURNER,

President Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1879.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1878.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 3,	Bridget Ellen Dunn, . . .	John and Catherine (Green).
4,	Blanche Bradford Hathaway, .	William B. and Ellen P. (Graves).
4,	Charles Augustus Perry, . .	Edward A. and Martha E. (Turner).
10,	Freddie A. Fogg, . . .	Edgar A. and Deborah D. (Hayden).
20,	Mary Ann Forrest, . . .	Augustus and Margaret (Reynolds).
23,	Charles Harvey Porter, . . .	Franklin and Eliza K. (Woodman).
25,	Frederick Willis Eddy, . .	George F. and Mary E. (Glover).
25,	— Kelliher, . . .	John and Kate Kelliher.
Feb. 2,	Jennie Elizabeth Brown, . .	William B. and Jane (Ellis).
5,	Abel Francis Jones, . . .	Walter A. and Lucy J. (Wentworth).
7,	Charles Thomas Powderly, .	Charles T. and Mary (Kerrigan).
9,	— Foster, . . .	Joseph C. and Julia (Gould).
10,	James Barry, . . .	Edward and Julia (McAnuliffe).
12,	John Henry Kennedy, . . .	Nicholas and Margaret (Rooney).
22,	Mattie Washington Wentworth,	Simcon and Olive E. (Simpson).
23,	— Brady, . . .	Patrick and Maggie A. (Powers).
March 1,	Michael Bracken, . . .	Edward and Elizabeth (Quinn).
2,	Margaret O'Connor, . . .	Edward and Julia (Sweeney).
2,	William Henry Mahody, . .	William and Ellen (Wigmore).
13,	Clarence Horace Dean, . .	Clarence H. and Annie C. (Morgan).
16,	Bessie Walsh, . . .	John B. and Mary E. (Dwyer).
22,	Bridget Theresa Fitzgerald, .	Jeremiah and Mary (Smith).
24,	Ellen V. Carney, . . .	Lawrence and Mary A. (Quinn).
24,	Thomas Francis Neary, . .	James E. and Annie C. (DeNiel).
26,	Lawrence Arthur McMath, .	Thomas and Ellen F. (Morrisey).
30,	Sarah Lenore Hogan, . . .	Michael and Annie M. (Driscoll).
April 1,	Margaret Jane O'Neil, . . .	Thomas and Mary (Connolly).
4,	Howard William Thayer, . .	Charles H. and Lottie A. (English).
6,	George Heney, . . .	Charles, Jr. and Mary A. (Welch).
7,	Mabel Brown, . . .	Charles E. and Lizzie (Holland).
10,	Arthur Clark, . . .	Benjamin R. and Lucy A. (Mayer).
13,	Edith Eliza Holbrook, . .	George W. and Emily (Copeland).
19,	Mary Sullivan, . . .	Michael and Mary Sullivan.
23,	Edith Gertrude Belcher, . .	Edward E. and Martha A. (Stetson).
24,	Joseph Henry Clark, . . .	Patrick and Mary (Sweeney).
24,	William Preston Jones, . .	Soriano and Mary E. (Orcutt).
25,	— Purcell, . . .	Thomas and Susan E. (Ward).
May 5,	Mary Jane Riley, . . .	James T. and Mary (McMahon).
8,	Mary Ellen Baker, . . .	Hewett and Mary (Wilden).
11,	Shirley Elmer Roberts, . .	William R. and Emma G. (Lincoln).
16,	Charles Henry Hybennett, . .	Herbert and Louisa Hybennett.
18,	Rachel Wolfson, . . .	Leopold and Emily A. (Tentler).
21,	Charles Newton Pendergrass, .	Wilfred N. and Sarah L. (Pratt).
28,	Margaret Jane Quillian, . .	Francis and Mary (O'Toole).
30,	Clara Estelle Breitling, . .	Gottlieb T. and Kate E. (Cushman).
June 2,	Edward Frederick Alden, . .	Frederick H. and Josephine (Gadona.)
2,	Lester Morton Holbrook, . .	Morton and Melinda C. (Hollis).
4,	Lois Amanda Stetson, . . .	Lewis K. and Amanda J. (Huff).

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1878—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
June 7,	Ovela Wells,	Nelson and Marcell (Mitell).
7,	Jennie Gray Cole,	Charles H. and Fannie K. (Leach).
8,	Mary Frances Curran,	Edward P. and Sarah J. (Hayes).
18,	Rosanna Mahoney,	Patrick and Rosanna (Hart).
19,	— Thayer,	Eugene and Cladora W. (Orcutt).
20,	Ruth Huntington Bowman,	John S. and Margaret A. (Birdsall).
21,	Agnes Pope,	David and Elizabeth (Dennehy).
24,	Marcella McMahon,	Hugh and Mary (Masterson).
July 1,	Ellen Frances Foley,	James E. and Margaret (Barry).
6,	Eva Elizabeth Dennehy,	William and Elizabeth A. (Kiley).
11,	Elizabeth Brady,	James and Margaret (Cahill).
19,	Percy Loring Whiting,	Jared and Emma W. (Mange).
19,	Eugene Kinsley,	James and Theresa (Doherty).
20,	Margaret Theresa Good,	William E. and Maria (Kelliher).
24,	Frank Ernest Mann,	Frank M. and Julia A. (Delano).
Aug. 2,	William Joseph McMahon,	William T. and Hannah (Foley).
5,	Mary Haney,	John and Martha (McMullen).
12,	— Holbrook,	Gilbert E. and Elvena L. (Hollis).
23,	Daniel Garrity,	Gerald and Ann (Byrne).
24,	George Henry Easton,	Geo. Ellis and Margaret A. (Shepard).
Sept. 1,	Rose Meaney,	Edmund and Ellen (Blessington).
4,	James Francis Sheridan,	Michael and Julia (Cozzens).
5,	Theresa Long,	— Margaret T. (McLaughlin).
10,	— Holbrook,	Martin G. and Ida M. (Cox).
16,	Eliza Parker,	Edward K. and Eliza D. (Wales).
24,	Charles Arthur Boyd,	Arthur A. and Annie H. (Smith).
26,	Ellen Simpson,	William H. and Ellen (Kiley).
Oct. 1,	Blanche Beatrice Day,	John and Augusta (Jones).
5,	Annie Frances Uniack,	Robert and Bridget F. (Moran).
6,	Bridget Ellen McAuliffe,	Robert, 2d, and Annie M. (Burns).
7,	Lizzie Bell Wood,	Lyman L. and Sarah J. (Howard).
12,	Annie Flaherty,	Edward and Katie M. (Rodden).
14,	Cora Ellis Pope,	Charles H. and Mary E. (Russell).
26,	Grace Mary Hill,	Thomas J. and Clementine P. (Piper).
26,	Alice Elizabeth Hill,	" " " " " "
30,	Mary Elizabeth Halloran,	William and Annie E. (Fox).
Nov. 4,	Jane Wilkinson,	Patrick and Jane (Goeres).
8,	Catherine Barry,	Thomas and Ellen F. (Sullivan).
11,	Jane Mira McLaughlin,	Michael J. and Jane (McIvor).
15,	Patrick Francis Cain,	Patrick and Bridget (Riley).
24,	Elmer Elsworth Hayden,	George B. and Louise J. (Ewell).
25,	— McLaughlin,	James P. and Mary E. A. (Kerrigan).
26,	William Arthur Taylor,	William and Edith A. (Mills).
Dec. 2,	— Henry,	Eben W. and Abbie F. (Staples).
6,	Florence Louisa Baker,	M. Wales and Emma A. (Fritz).
19,	Gilbert Nathaniel Weaver,	Robert E. and Harriet A. (Partridge).
27,	Patrick Powers,	Patrick and Ellen (Barry).

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MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1878.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan. 1,	Myron W. Hollis, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	40
	Ellen F. Poole, . .	" . .	" . .	40
10,	Samuel C. Chessman, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	34
	Elvira E. Mann, . .	Foxborough, . .	Foxborough, . .	23
21,	George H. Bauermeister, . .	Portland, Me., . .	Randolph, . .	26
	Henrietta E. Paine, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	23
Feb. 5,	John Edward McDonald, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	23
	Theresa Whitty, . .	" . .	" . .	21
20,	Deforest A. Jones, . .	Franklinville, N.Y., . .	Randolph, . .	22
	Etta Huff, . .	Quincy, . .	" . .	18
26,	Thomas G. Barry, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	23
	Ellen F. Sullivan, . .	" . .	" . .	21
Mar. 10,	Elliot Stetson, . .	Randolph, . .	Holbrook, . .	22
	Ardell Johnson, . .	" . .	" . .	20
24,	Lewis K. Stetson, . .	Braintree, . .	Randolph, . .	22
	Amanda Langley, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	24
Apr. 11,	Richard Churchman, . .	Newark, N. J., . .	Newark, N. J., . .	32
	Hellen Rice, . .	Plainfield, N. J., . .	" " . .	34
21,	Joseph Belcher, . .	Randolph, . .	Holbrook, . .	23
	Ann Maria Wilde, . .	" . .	Randolph, . .	22
25,	Emory A. Delano, . .	Stoughton, . .	Randolph, . .	20
	Jennie R. Adams, . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	17
May 8,	Frank H. Deane, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	25
	Leila M. Miles, . .	Boston, . .	Boston, . .	22
12,	George Estes Easton, . .	N Bridgewater, . .	Holbrook, . .	23
	Margaret Ann Shepard, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	17
June 12,	Frederick Henry Tirrell, . .	Boston, . .	Randolph, . .	20
	Hattie Louisa Gay, . .	Randolph, . .	Holbrook, . .	15
12,	David Forrest, . .	Montrose, . .	Holbrook, . .	28
	Ruth Jones (White), . .	Randolph, . .	" . .	37

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1878—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
June 17,	John O'Connell, . . .	Ireland,	Randolph,	38
	Mary C. McGreary, . .	"	"	33
19,	George L. Binney, . . .	Randolph,	Randolph,	51
	Janette Lenox (Wilbur),	"	"	23
July 4,	William Wallace Bessie,	East Stoughton, . .	Holbrook,	25
	Emily Lucinda Jordan, .	East Randolph, . .	"	17
13,	Charles E. Donkin, . . .	River Phillipe, N.S.,	Holbrook,	30
	Mary Matatall,	Truso,	"	19
14,	Arthur W. Hamilton, . .	S. Randon, N. S., . .	Randolph,	24
	Catherine Melleg, . . .	Boston,	Chelsea,	26
15,	Isaac W. Cushman, . . .	Wareham,	Canton,	31
	Edith H. Curran,	Quincy,	Randolph,	22
25,	J. Mason Pitman,	Boston,	Quincy,	28
	Mary E. Taylor,	Randolph,	Randolph,	25
Aug. 8,	William Hill,	Randolph,	Randolph,	35
	Mary Ann Noonan, . . .	East Taunton, . . .	Canton,	30
18,	William J. Drury,	Ireland,	Randolph,	20
	Annie Baldwin,	"	Holbrook,	18
21,	Thomas H. Saunderson,	South Andover, . . .	Randolph,	23
	Mary A. Treanor,	Randolph,	"	22
Sept. 11,	John Powers,	Ireland,	Randolph,	28
	Annie Rogers,	"	"	26
Oct. 3,	Daniel Austin Elliott, Jr.,	North Stoughton, . .	Randolph,	21
	Emma Dillon,	South Weymouth, . .	Holbrook,	17
3,	Geo. Taylor Chamberlain,	Hanover,	Holbrook,	23
	Almira Ann Savil (Crock- er),	East Randolph, . . .	"	29
8,	Daniel J. Hickey,	Cork, Ireland,	Randolph,	26
	Lucy M. Hunter,	Maynard,	Maynard,	20
9,	Charles Henry Hatch, . .	Portland, Me.,	Randolph,	25
	Mary Ann Hickey,	Cork Co., Ireland, . .	"	21
13,	William E. Frame,	Newburyport,	South Braintree, . .	23
	Almira L. Bump,	Randolph,	Randolph,	24
15,	Charles D. Hill,	Randolph,	Randolph,	26
	Mary E. Fardy,	New York City, . . .	"	26

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1878—CONCLUDED.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Oct. 30,	Wilton H. Jones, . .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	29
	Virginia G. Braman, .	Bridgewater, . .	Bridgewater, . .	23
Nov. 6,	George Weston French, .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	22
	Minne Wales Paine, .	East Randolph, .	Holbrook, . .	17
7,	James E. Whalen, . .	Randolph, . .	Boston, . .	23
	Ella L. Poole, . .	" . .	Randolph, . .	20
9,	Herbert O. Dyer, . .	Randolph, . .	Brockton, . .	21
	Georgiana Baldwin, .	St. John, N. B., .	" . .	16
23,	Thomas D. Baldwin, .	Vermont, . .	Brockton, . .	65
	Charity A. Beals, . .	Randolph, . .	Canton, . .	65
Dec. 22,	Abe L. Hoffman, . .	Berlin, Ca., . .	Randolph, . .	22
	Nettie S. Randall, .	East Weymouth, .	Brockton, . .	18
23,	Hénry James Wales, .	Randolph, . .	Randolph, . .	39
	Alma B. Corliss, . .	Quincy, . .	" . .	24
25,	Edwin A. Tabor, Jr., .	Randolph, . .	Spencer, . .	24
	Mary B. Belcher, . .	" . .	Randolph, . .	23

Total, 40.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1878.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 5,	Katie A. O'Reilley, . . .	2	3	26	Diphtheritic croup.
10,	H. Maria Davenport, . . .	52	9	-	Consumption.
16,	Elmer B. Thayer, . . .	16	2	13	Ulcerative bronchitis.
21,	James E. Trainor, . . .	14	3	13	Phlebitis.
21,	George H. Perry, . . .	8	3	17	Diphtheritic croup.
23,	Freddie A. Fogg, . . .	-	-	13	Convulsions.
26,	Matthew Carey, . . .	11	2	8	Diphtheria.
27,	Austin Roel, . . .	60	1	13	Senile gangrene.
30,	Edward M. Barry, . . .	9	6	-	Croup.
31,	Martha E. Gay, . . .	83	3	18	Old age.
31,	Nathaniel Noyes, . . .	72	1	12	Ulcerative stomatitis.
Feb. 4,	Bridget Fitzgerald, . . .	66	-	-	Old age.
6,	John Larned French, . . .	64	1	16	Anæmia.
7,	Mary Ann Forrest, . . .	-	-	18	Aphthæ.
9,	— Foster, . . .	-	-	-	Still-born.
10,	Walter L. Ormsby, . . .	3	7	24	Diphtheria.
16,	George E. Knights, . . .	40	9	20	Consumption.
22,	Martin Gay, . . .	81	11	11	Old age.
23,	— Brady, . . .	-	-	-	Still-born.
Mar. 15,	Ann Long, . . .	44	-	-	Typhoid fever.
29,	Amelia P. Lawler, . . .	63	11	18	Softening of brain.
30,	Charles Acheson, . . .	23	7	-	Typhoid fever.
Apr. 4,	Margaret Sullivan, . . .	3	7	3	Consumption.
5,	Sally H. Spear, . . .	75	3	21	Spinal irritation.
11,	James H. Barry, . . .	19	11	1	Consumption.
11,	Minnie M. Turner, . . .	25	7	3	Scrofula.
13,	Eva Edna Holbrook, . . .	-	9	24	Inflammation of brain.
14,	Susan Daniels, . . .	71	1	5	Paralysis.
25,	— Purcell, . . .	-	-	-	Still-born.
May 1,	Michael Buckley, . . .	71	-	7	Consumption.
2,	Matilda Holbrook, . . .	25	7	22	"
3,	Margaret O'Conner, . . .	-	2	4	"
4,	Margaret Jones, . . .	54	8	4	Apoplexy.
20,	Ann Reynolds, . . .	78	-	-	Old age.
June 15,	Annie S. Wilbur, . . .	1	11	15	Pertussis.
4,	Luke O'Reilley, . . .	-	10	7	Cere. spinal meningitis.
5,	William P. Ryan, . . .	64	2	11	Pneumonia.
9,	Osgood F. Raymond, . . .	27	11	10	Epilepsy.
11,	Charles Newton Pendergrass, . . .	-	-	21	Infantile.
15,	Mary Ellen Moore, . . .	12	7	18	Diphtheria.
16,	Stillman Jones, . . .	23	1	21	Consumption.
18,	Ellen Maria Faunce, . . .	24	2	2	"

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
June 19,	——— Thayer,	-	-	-	Still-born.
19,	Elizabeth Garrity,	-	11	8	Lung fever.
27,	Susan J. Abbott,	49	2	29	Consumption.
July 18,	Ellen V. Carney,	-	3	25	Infantile.
19,	Nathaniel F. Roel,	67	1	7	Apoplexy.
20,	Quincy M. Additon,	27	2	-	Railroad accident.
Aug. 3,	Theresa B. McDonald,	21	10	27	Hæmoptysis.
4,	Mary Drury,	45	3	-	Softening of brain.
5,	Mary Haney,	-	-	-	Infantile.
9,	Louis A. Stetson,	-	2	5	"
9,	Clare Denning,	1	10	16	Whooping-cough.
9,	Luke O'Reilley,	84	-	-	Old age.
11,	Thomas Mackedon,	-	-	-	Consumption.
19,	Mary F. Curran,	-	2	11	Cholera infantum.
22,	Ezra S. Conant,	72	9	13	Inflammation of bowels.
23,	Martha Thayer,	74	8	-	Heart disease.
24,	Mary Ann Ryan,	57	6	9	Hæmorrhage of bowels.
28,	Eliza Niles,	75	11	16	Dysentery.
28,	Florence Sullivan,	1	6	14	Convulsions.
29,	Emma G. Ainslie,	1	2	5	Cholera infantum.
Sept. 3,	Hugh M. Mahon,	34	9	9	Phrenitis.
13,	Jonathan Belcher,	81	-	14	Old age.
15,	James Barry,	-	7	5	Whooping-cough.
Oct. 2,	Richard Uniack, 3d,	-	9	10	Cholera infantum.
15,	George T. Wilbur,	60	5	-	Softening of brain.
16,	Mary Ann Carney,	37	5	9	Consumption.
28,	Annie H. Boyd,	22	2	29	Hydropericardium.
Nov. 1,	Susan Alden,	85	1	25	Tumor.
18,	Margaret Cain,	81	-	-	Dropsy.
30,	Eugene O'Reilley,	34	7	28	Pneumonia.
Dec. 1,	Edward Burns,	74	-	-	Heart disease.
11,	Susan Jane Dickerman,	51	-	9	Inflammation of throat.

Total, 74

Males, 34

Females, 40

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Accident (railroad); anæmia; aphthæ; bronchitis (ulcerative); bowels (hemorrhage of); bowels (inflammation of); brain (inflammation of); croup; dropsy; dysentery; epilepsy; gangrene (senile); hæmoptysis; hydropericardium; lung fever; meningitis (cerebro-spinal); paralysis; phlebitis; phrenitis; scrofula; spinal irritation; stomatitis (ulcerative); throat (inflammation of); tumor,—one each. Apoplexy, convulsions; croupal diphtheria; heart disease; pneumonia; typhoid fever,—two each. Brain (softening of); cholera infantum; diphtheria; pertussis,—three each. Infantile; still-born,—four each. Old age, six. Consumption, twelve.

Under five years of age,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
Between 5 and 10,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
10 " 20,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
20 " 30,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
30 " 40,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
40 " 50,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
50 " 60,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
60 " 70,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
70 " 80,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
80 " 90,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Total .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74

I hereby certify that the preceding returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 NORFOLK, SS. }

To HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph, in said County*, GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely : —

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting. Also a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 5. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof.

ART. 6. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and the pay of engine-men, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in relation to placing bells upon the engine-houses, as recommended by the engineers.

ART. 11. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 12. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post 110.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to the widening and building of South Street, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to the widening and building of Mill Street, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will instruct and authorize the Selectmen to repair, widen, and build that portion of North Street lying between Mill Street and Liberty Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners, and make an appropriation therefor.

ART. 17. To see if the town will adopt by-laws respecting habitual truants and vagrant children, as required by law.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to providing a paid police for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising and making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library; also, to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the ensuing year to the use of said library.

ART. 20. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in

which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party, or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1879.

ART. 24. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

ART. 25. To act on any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, at said Randolph, this twenty-fourth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

JOHN T. FLOOD,

JAMES A. TOWER,

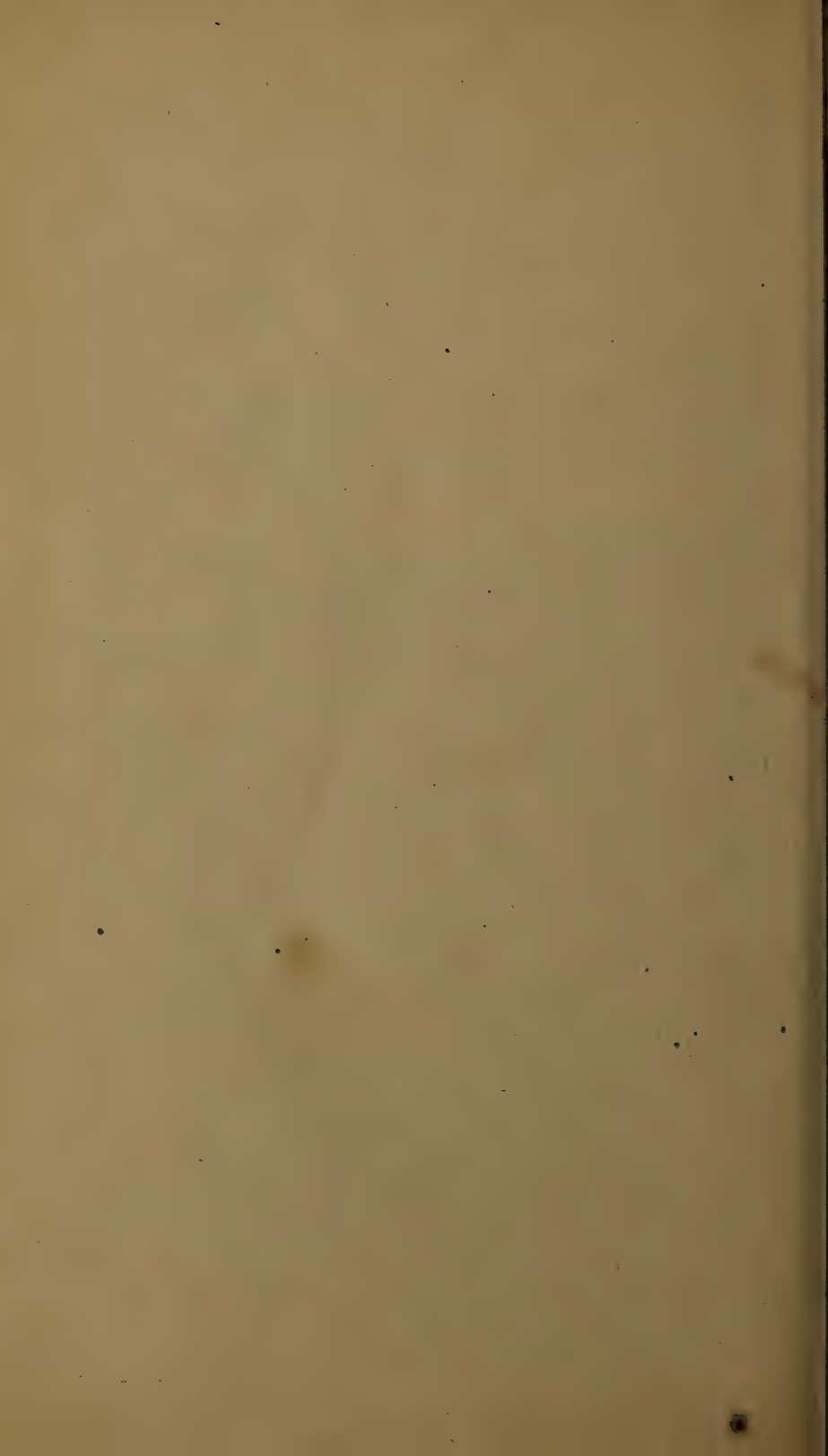
DANIEL HOWARD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy. Attest:

HENRY H. FRANCIS,

Constable of Randolph.



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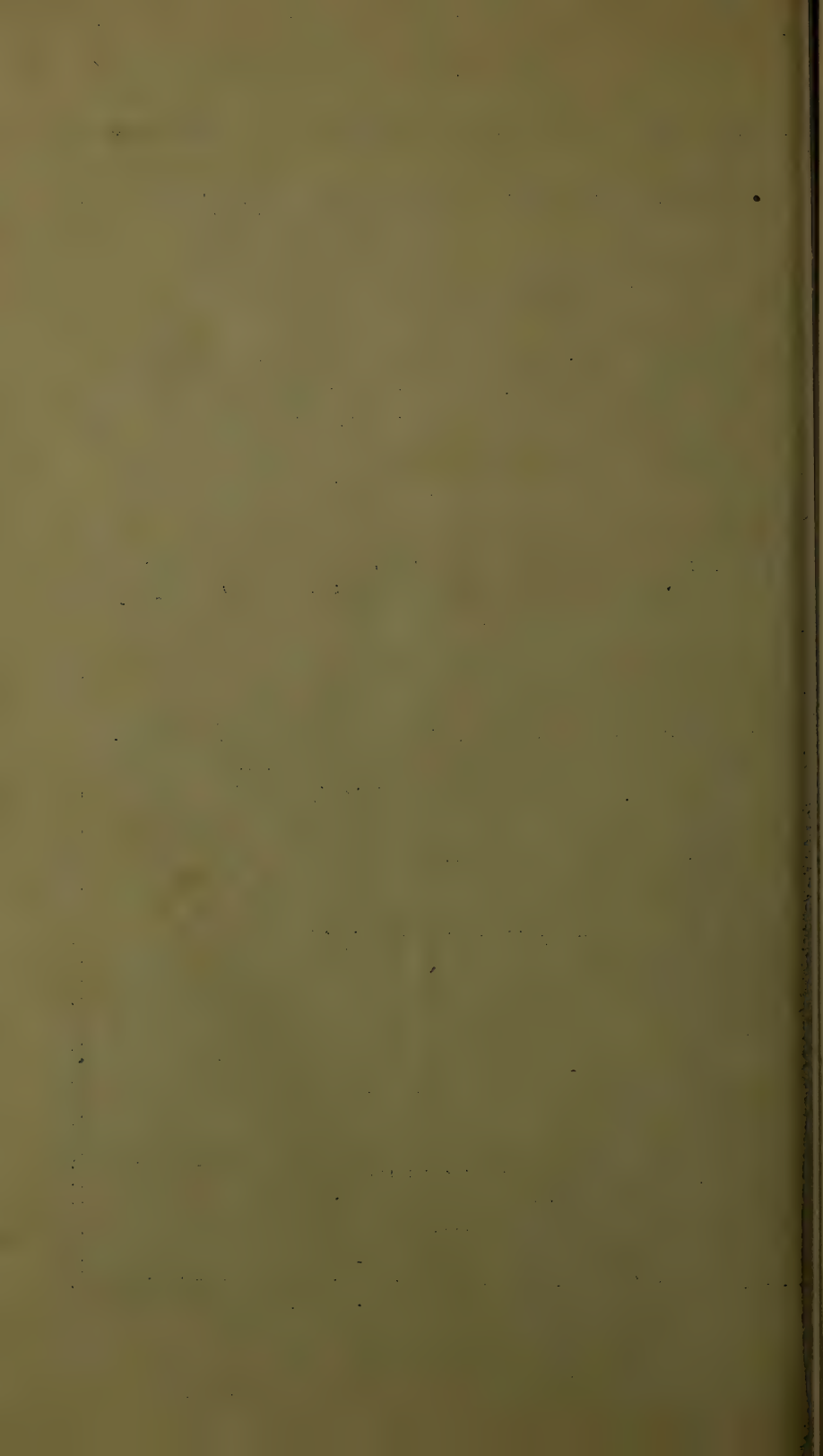
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1879-80.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN T. FLOOD. JAMES A. TOWER. DANIEL HOWARD.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

School Committee.

JAMES A. TOWER, Term expires April 1, 1880.
JAMES MOLLOY, " " " 1, 1881.
WINSLOW BATTLES " " " 1, 1882.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

CHARLES H. HOWARD, Term expires April 1, 1880.
DANIEL HOWARD, " " " 1, 1881.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN, " " " 1, 1882.

Auditors.

VELIE H. DEANE. HALE S. HOWARD. FRANK MORTON.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL. HENRY H. FRANCIS.
FRANK J. DONOHUE. E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.
LEVI WILBUR. HENRY H. SHEDD.
JOHN DESMOND, 2D. WILLIAM HILL.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL. ADAM F. JONES. DANIEL LEAHY.

Engineers of Fire Department.

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Chief Engineer*. CHARLES A. WALES, *Clerk*.
LEVI WILBUR. LOUIS GOERES.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-Up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

NEWELL S. ATWOOD, JONATHAN WALES,
of Stoughten. of Randolph

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Randolph, in accordance with their duty, respectfully submit the annual report of appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1880.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$9,000 00
Stetson High School,	1,250 00
repairs of highways,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
fire department,	2,450 00
steam fire-engine, apparatus, &c.,	5,000 00
reservoirs,	2,100 00
widening South and Mill Streets,	4,000 00
widening and repairing North Street,	800 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Turner Free Library,	500 00
county tax,	1,798 54
State tax,	685 00
Total,	<hr/> \$43,683 54

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1879.

Real estate,	\$1,461,350 00
Personal estate,	628,440 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	225,436 90
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	145,611 65
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,460,838 55</u>

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1879, \$15 on \$1,000.

Average rate in the State, May 1, 1879, \$12.78 on \$1,000.

Number of polls, May 1, 1879,	1,233
of dwellings, May 1, 1879,	759
of horses, May 1, 1879,	338
of cows, May 1, 1879,	261
of acres of land taxed, May 1, 1879,	5,803½

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1879.

Almhouse property and farm,	\$10,500 00
Town-house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses, and lockup,	4,200 00
Two fire engines, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	2,125 00
Steam fire engine and apparatus,	4,800 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh,	600 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
" " District No. 2,	6,000 00
" " District No. 3,	1,350 00

School-house and land, District No. 4, . . .	\$5,750 00
" " District No. 5, . . .	1,200 00
" " District No. 6, . . .	1,650 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank, . . .	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner Free Library and land,	40,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library Fund,	5,000 00
Total,	<u>\$135,415 00</u>

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$45,678.64.

On account of schools (teaching, fuel, and care of rooms),	\$7,281 24
of Stetson High School,	1,250 00
of repairs and incidental expenses,	2,355 41
of highways,	2,588 15
of South street widening,	1,970 23
of Mill street widening,	1,923 22
of removing snow,	198 37
of funeral expenses,	265 25
of State aid,	2,199 00
of State aid (under law of 1879),	559 10
of fire department,	2,800 27
of abatement of taxes,	157 00
of town officers,	1,842 10
of reservoirs,	2,119 00
of filling reservoirs,	308 40

On account of steam fire engine, apparatus and

repairing house,	\$4,985 97
of police,	466 67
of miscellaneous expenses,	2,215 63
of poor in almshouse,	2,465 12
of poor out of almshouse,	4,471 14
of poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook (military),	1,726 36
of poor of other towns,	1,279 74
of State paupers and tramps,	251 27

Total,	\$45,678 64
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EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills by direction of School Committee, for financial year ending March 1, 1880. For items see report of School Committee:

sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,606 74
" " for fuel	408 01
" " for care of rooms,	266 49
appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,250 00
Micellaneous expenses,	2,355 41
Total,	\$10,886 65

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$10,250 00
State School Fund,	217 14
Coddington Fund,	108 00
Total,	\$10,575 14

Included in the expenditures for schools is	
cash refunded to the Treasurer of the	
town for books sold,	\$373 12
Stock of books on hand,	102 32
Uncollected bills,	206 19
Total,	<hr/> \$681 63
Expenditures less than appropriation,	\$96 26

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs under the Direction of Surveyors.

DISTRICT NO. 1, ISAAC N. LINFIELD, *Surveyor.*

Paid Isaac N. Linfield, team-work, 40 days,		\$160 00
John Wales,	" 9 "	31 50
Richard Adams,	" 6 "	21 00
Thomas Good,	" 4 "	14 00
Albert T. Raymond,	" $1\frac{4}{5}$ "	6 30
William Broad,	labor, 23 days,	40 25
Bernard O'Flaherty,	" $22\frac{1}{2}$ "	39 37
Thomas Duff,	" 20 "	34 99
John Desmond,	" $18\frac{1}{2}$ "	32 37
Michael O'Keefe,	" 12 "	21 00
Patrick Flood,	" 11 "	19 25
Frank W. Blanchard,	" 7 "	12 25
Joseph Maher,	" 5 "	8 75
Thomas Prior,	" 5 "	8 75
Albert J. Raymond,	" $4\frac{1}{2}$ "	7 87
Michael J. McLaughlin,	" 4 "	7 00
Patrick Barry,	" 4 "	7 00
Walter A. Jones,	" 3 "	5 25

Charles Taunt, labor, 3 days,	\$5 25
Martin P. Pike, for blasting rocks, laying pipe,	11 50
William A. Smith, for labor,	30 00
George Beasley,	25 00
Jedediah French,	1 00
Ebenezer Alden, for 253 loads of gravel,	20 24
Arthur W. Austin, for 199 loads of gravel,	15 92
Isaac N. Linfield, for repairing tools,	3 80
S. B. Corliss & Co., for repairing tools,	2 84
T. Fardy & Son, for repairs	70
Total,	<hr/> \$593 15

DISTRICT NO. 3, JAMES RILEY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days, 2 horses,	\$112 75
Ephraim Mann, team-work, 2 " 2 "	11 00
James Riley, for labor, $23\frac{1}{2}$ days,	47 18
Patrick Flood, " $9\frac{1}{10}$ " . .	15 96
Thomas Johnston, " $9\frac{1}{10}$ " . .	15 93
John Desmond, " $6\frac{1}{10}$ " . .	10 68
Frank W. Mann, " $6\frac{1}{4}$ " . .	10 27
Ansel Mann, labor, " $8\frac{1}{2}$ " . .	14 93
Charles Piper, " $8\frac{1}{10}$ " . .	14 93
Edward Piper, " $5\frac{4}{5}$ " . .	10 23
Thomas Duff, " $4\frac{1}{10}$ " . .	7 18
Andrew Nightingale, " $4\frac{7}{10}$ " . .	8 33
Thomas Whalin, " 3 " . .	5 25
Emory Glover, " 3 " . .	5 25
Charles Eddy, " 3 " . .	5 25
Michael Brady, " 3 " . .	5 25

Paid Patrick Barry, for labor,	5 $\frac{1}{10}$ days,	.	\$8 93
Willie A. Taber,	3 "	.	5 25
William B. White,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	2 62
Frank Munroe,	1 "	.	1 75
Jonathan Hunt,	1 $\frac{4}{10}$ "	.	2 75
Frank Wentworth,	1 $\frac{3}{5}$ "	.	2 08
Eben Whitcomb,	1 "	.	1 75
Michael Brady, Jr.,	1 "	.	1 00
George White,	1 "	.	1 00
Charles Mann,	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	1 31
Heirs of John Spear, for 237 loads of gravel,			23 70
Amasa Niles, for 21 loads of gravel,		.	2 10
Josiah Clark, " 16 " " "		.	1 60
Jesse Fenno, " 3 " " "		.	30
William Campbell, for repairs,		.	50
Total,		.	\$357 51

BRIDGE, OAK STREET, *under direction of* JAMES RILEY.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, 2 horses,		\$15 25
James Riley, for labor, 6 "	.	12 00
Ansel Mann, " 4 "	.	7 00
Willie A. Taber, for labor, 3 $\frac{7}{10}$ days,	.	6 53
Patrick Flood, " 3 "	.	5 25
Andrew Nightingale," 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	4 07
Frank M. Mann, " 1 "	.	1 75
Josiah Clark, use of wagon,	.	75
Ansel Mann, for stone,	.	2 00
Charles Mann, "	.	2 00
Daniel Wilde, "	.	50
Total	.	\$57 10

DISTRICT NO. 5, MARTIN L. EDDY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Rufus A. Thayer, team-work, $9\frac{3}{10}$ days, .		\$32 00
Manus Gallagher, " 8 "	.	28 00
William F. Kennedy, " 4 "	.	14 00
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $15\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	29 50
Lewis Jones, " 6 "	.	10 50
Abel Stetson, " 6 "	.	10 50
Michael Lee, " 5 "	.	8 75
Benj. Nightingale, " 5 "	.	8 25
Sylvanus Thayer, " 4 "	.	7 00
George Burrill, " 3 "	.	5 25
Noah Chessman, " 2 "	.	3 50
Patrick Philips, " 1 "	.	1 75
William F. Kennedy, " 1 "	.	1 75
George Bump, " 1 "	.	1 75
Rufus A. Thayer, " 1 "	.	1 75
Martin L. Eddy and others, picking stones,		35 42
Martin L. Eddy, for 168 loads of gravel,		13 84
B. L. Wales, " 67 "	.	5 36
Royal S. Holbrook, " 60 "	.	6 00
Amasa Clark, " 52 "	.	5 20
Francis E. Stetson, " 30 "	.	2 40
Rufus A. Thayer, " 10 "	.	1 00
Total		<hr/> \$233 47

DISTRICT NO. 6, WILLIAM WHITE, *Surveyor*.

Paid William White, Jr., team-work, 17 days,		\$51 00
Rufus Jones, " 3 "		9 00
Robert McAuliffe, " 3 "		9 00

Paid George L. Binney,	team-work,	$\frac{1}{2}$	day,	\$1 50
John Manning,	"	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"	4 50
Joseph Jones,	"	1	"	3 00
Edward White,	"	$3\frac{1}{2}$	"	10 25
James Irvine,	"	1	"	3 00
Maurice Kiley,	"	$\frac{3}{4}$	"	2 25
William White,	for labor,	$17\frac{1}{2}$	"	29 63
William White, Jr.,	"	13	"	20 75
John B. McGraine,	"	$8\frac{1}{2}$	"	13 88
James Sutton,	"	9	"	14 50
James Blythe,	"	8	"	12 75
Edward White,	"	9	"	13 25
James Carroll,	"	$7\frac{1}{2}$	"	11 78
Joseph Crosby,	"	$7\frac{1}{2}$	"	11 63
William Shields,	"	7	"	11 16
Patrick Mahon,	"	5	"	8 13
Patrick Crosby,	"	5	"	8 13
William Shields, Jr.,	"	5	"	8 00
James Barry,	"	5	"	8 00
James Leddy,	"	3	"	5 26
John Desmond, 2d,	"	4	"	6 63
Owen Neary,	"	$3\frac{1}{2}$	"	5 63
Lawrence Ormsby,	"	4	"	6 38
Peter Sutton,	"	$2\frac{1}{2}$	"	4 13
Patrick Wilkinson,	"	$3\frac{1}{2}$	"	5 25
John Carroll,	"	1	"	1 50
Maurice Kiley,	"	$2\frac{1}{4}$	"	3 57
Dennis Shea,	"	2	"	3 00
John Neary,	"	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"	2 25
Rufus Jones,	"	$1\frac{1}{4}$	"	2 50

Paid Caswell Poole, for labor, 1 day,	.	\$1 75
James Keenan, " 1 "	.	1 75
David Barry, " 1 "	.	1 50
Michael Devine, " 1 "	.	1 50
Horace Holbrook, " $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	87
Marcus Tirrell, " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	50
Patrick Manning, " . . .	.	37
William White, for bridge stone, . . .	.	2 00
William Campbell, for repairs, . . .	.	1 45
William White and others, picking stones,		13 68
Frederic Chandler, for 246 loads of gravel,		12 80
George L. Binney, " 77 " "	.	3 85
John Manning, " 57 " "	.	2 85
Amasa Niles, " 52 " "	.	2 60
Ernst Dinter, " 15 " "	.	75
Henry Smith, " 10 " "	.	80
Total,		<hr/> \$360 21

DISTRICT NO. 7, THOMAS GOOD, *Surveyor*.

Paid Thomas Good, team-work, 11 days, . . .		\$38 50
David Good " 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	12 25
Dennis Sullivan, for labor, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	.	20 12
Christopher Ward, " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	21 87
Thomas Good, " 4 "	.	8 75
Thomas Ward, " 4 "	.	7 00
Michael Morgan, " 4 "	.	7 00
Michael O'Keefe, " 3 "	.	5 25
Richard Forrest, " 3 "	.	5 25
Daniel Elliott, " 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	.	2 62
James Lyons, " 1 "	.	1 75

Paid Michael Lee, for labor, 1 day, . . .	\$1 75
Thomas Patten and others, for picking stones,	4 50
Thomas Fardy & Son, for repairs, . . .	50
Daniel Elliott, for 160 loads of gravel, . .	12 80
Ebenezer Alden, for 37 " " . . .	2 96
Old Colony R.R. Corp., for 21 loads of gravel,	1 68
Total,	<u>\$154 55</u>

DISTRICT NO. 8, THOMAS MORAN, *Surveyor*.

Paid Thomas Moran, for team-work, $43\frac{3}{4}$ days, .	\$174 60
Thomas O'Holloran, " " 6 " .	44 45
Dennis Kelliher, " " 6 " .	21 00
Robert McAuliffe, " " 5 " .	17 50
Daniel Leahy, " " 2 " .	7 00
Daniel Kelliher, " " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " .	5 25
Matthew Moran, for labor, $27\frac{3}{10}$ " .	47 77
Dennis Sullivan, " $23\frac{1}{2}$ " .	41 12
Owen Sullivan, " 11 " .	19 37
Thomas Moran, Jr., " $13\frac{1}{2}$ " .	21 87
Thomas Duff, " $6\frac{1}{2}$ " .	10 87
John Crosby, " 6 " .	10 50
Thomas O'Holloran, " 6 " .	10 50
Thomas Moran, " $6\frac{1}{2}$ " .	11 62
Patrick Flood, " $4\frac{1}{2}$ " .	7 87
Michael Sheridan, " $4\frac{1}{2}$ " .	7 87
John F. Clark, " $4\frac{3}{10}$ " .	7 52
Florence Sullivan, " 4 " .	7 00

Paid John O'Keefe, for labor, 4 days, . . .		\$7 00
David A'Hern, " 4 " . . .		7 00
Patrick Barry, " 4 " . . .		7 00
James Butler, " 4 " . . .		7 00
Edward Burke, " 4 " . . .		7 00
Michael O'Keefe, " 3½ " . . .		6 12
Robert McAuliffe, " 6 " . . .		10 50
Thomas Noonan, " 2 " . . .		3 50
John Sutton, " 4 " . . .		7 00
James Danahey, " 4 " . . .		7 00
John Flynn, " 4 " . . .		7 00
Michael Lee, " 2½ " . . .		4 37
James Sutton, " 2½ " . . .		4 37
Richard Forrest, " 2½ " . . .		4 37
Daniel Leahy, " 2 " . . .		4 00
Cornelius A'Hearn, " 2 " . . .		3 50
Dennis Kelliher, " 2 " . . .		3 50
Patrick Bohan, " 1 " . . .		1 75
Patrick Feeney, " 1 " . . .		1 75
Cornelius O'Keefe, " 1 " . . .		1 50
Martin P. Pike, " . . .		3 00
George B. Dench, " . . .		2 62
John Mann, " . . .		2 62
Timothy Sullivan, " . . .		2 62
Thomas Bancroft and others, for blasting, . . .		12 60
Thomas Moran, for repairs on bridge, . . .		4 55
Thomas Moran, for drain-pipe, powder, &c., . . .		3 00
Thomas Fardy & Son, for repairs . . .		4 59
Thomas Moran and others, picking stones, " . . .		80 07

Paid B. L. Wales, for 140 loads of gravel, .	\$14 00
Daniel Leahy, " 90 " " .	7 20
Daniel Kelliher, for 48 loads of " .	5 76
John B. Thayer, for labor,	20 00
Total,	<hr/> \$741 54

DISTRICT NO. 10, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin Pike, for team-work, 2 days, 2	
teams,	\$15 37
Josiah Clark, for team-work, 2 days, .	7 00
Ephraim Mann, for team-work, 2 days, 2	
horses,	9 00
Matthew Graham, for labor, 6 days, .	11 00
Walter A. Jones, " 5 " . .	8 75
Thomas Whalin, " 4 " . .	7 00
Jedediah French, " 2½ " . .	5 00
Chas. M. Holbrook, " 2 " . .	4 00
John Desmond, " 2 " . .	3 50
Patrick Flood, " 2 " . .	3 50
Thomas Duff, " 2 " . .	3 50
Wm. Cunningham, " 2 " . .	3 50
Lewis Jones, " 2 " . .	3 50
Daniel Kiley, " 2 " . .	3 50
Martin P. Pike and others, for picking	
stones,	2 50
Total,	<hr/> \$90 62

SOUTH STREET WIDENING, *under*] direction of MARTIN P.
PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike for team-work, 81½ days \$384 00

Paid Josiah Clark for team-work,	2 days,	\$10 00
Jared Whiting, " "	2 "	10 00
Charles M. Holbrook, for labor,	$82\frac{2}{5}$ "	164 80
Daniel Kiley, " "	79 "	158 00
Moses Mann, " "	78 "	136 50
Michael Crowley, " "	$75\frac{1}{5}$ "	131 95
Thomas Whalin, " "	$59\frac{4}{5}$ "	104 65
Walter A. Jones, " "	52 "	91 00
Jedediah French, " "	34 "	68 00
George B. Dench, " "	$38\frac{2}{3}$ "	67 60
Lewis Jones, " "	$36\frac{2}{5}$ "	63 68
John Friel, " "	$24\frac{3}{4}$ "	49 50
John Mann, " "	$29\frac{1}{5}$ "	48 43
George Pierce, " "	23 "	46 00
Thomas Duff, " "	21 "	36 75
Matthew Graham, " "	$16\frac{1}{10}$ "	28 17
Manus Gallagher, " "	$16\frac{1}{10}$ "	28 17
John Desmond, " "	$19\frac{1}{2}$ "	34 09
Patrick Feeney, " "	1 "	1 50
Ebenezer Alden, for 234 loads of gravel,		18 72
Estate of Ephraim Wales, for drawing gravel over land,		1 00
S. B. Corliss & Co., for repairing tools, .		28 00
T. Fardy & Son, " " " .		16 05
Chas. M. Holbrook, for timber and posts,		1 80
William Campbell, for posts,		38 13
J. B. Rhines, for lumber,		14 83
H. M. Libby, for labor,		5 40
Martin P. Pike, for carting lumber and railing,		5 75

Paid William Hogan, for fence per order of Commissioners,	\$12 50
Patrick McLaughlin, for fence per order of Commissioners,	7 00
Eleazer Beal, for certificates,	25 00
G. H. Sampson, for rendrock and powder,	133 26
Total,	<hr/> \$1,970 23
Cr. by cash from County for walls and fences,	197 50
Total,	<hr/> \$1,772 73

Note.—Amount earned by Martin P. Pike on South street, and paid into the Treasury, \$389.75.

MILL STREET WIDENING, *under the direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for team-work, 53 days,	\$264 25
Thomas Good, " 7 "	24 50
Manus Gallagher, " 1 "	3 50
Ephraim Mann, " $\frac{4}{5}$ "	2 80
Chas. M. Holbrook, for labor, $52\frac{9}{10}$ "	105 80
Jedediah French, " $46\frac{1}{10}$ "	92 20
Daniel Kiley, " $51\frac{1}{2}$ "	99 99
Thomas Whalin, " $49\frac{3}{5}$ "	86 80
Michael Crowley, " $44\frac{1}{10}$ "	77 92
Lewis Jones, " $45\frac{1}{10}$ "	78 92
Thomas Duff, " 49 "	81 07
Walter A. Jones, " $42\frac{1}{10}$ "	73 67
Patrick Flood, " $43\frac{1}{10}$ "	75 42
Matthew Graham, " $45\frac{3}{5}$ "	79 80
Moses Mann, " $34\frac{7}{10}$ "	60 10

Paid William Cunningham, for labor,	381 $\frac{7}{20}$ days,	\$67 95
John Desmond,	" 47 $\frac{3}{5}$ "	83 29
George B. Dench,	" 33 $\frac{1}{10}$ "	57 92
James Harris,	" 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	30 62
Thomas Harris,	" 8 $\frac{17}{20}$ "	15 45
Patrick Bohan,	" 2 "	3 50
Christopher Ward,	" 1 "	1 75
Patrick Barry,	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	9 62
T. Fardy & Son, for repairs,	. . .	9 32
S. B. Corliss & Co.,	" . . .	6 30
E. A. Perry, for labor and material,	. . .	1 80
James G. Hurley,	" . . .	1 00
James Welch, for lighting street,	. . .	5 00
George B. Dench,	" . . .	2 00
Expense procuring plan,	. . .	2 25
G. H. Sampson, for rendrock and powder,	. . .	85 65
William Campbell, for posts,	. . .	67 92
H. M. Libby, for labor,	. . .	9 26
J. B. Rhines, for lumber,	. . .	22 17
M. P. Pike, for carting lumber,	. . .	2 00
Henry M. White, for nails, &c.,	. . .	2 63
Samuel Hamilton, for gravel,	. . .	6 51
R. W. Turner, for gravel,	. . .	3 57
John F. Brady, land damage Mill street,	. . .	60 00
Heirs Jas. Good, land damage, Mill street,	. . .	60 00
Richard Forrest,	" " .	50 00
Joseph Jones,	" " .	31 00
Timothy Sullivan,	" " .	10 00
Benjamin Brown,	" " .	8 00
Total,	. . . . .	\$1,923 22

Note. — Amount earned by Martin P. Pike on Mill street and paid into the Treasury, \$266.25.

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid James Riley and others,	\$58 35
Isaac N. Linfield and others,	57 30
William White, "	27 55
Thomas Good, "	18 00
Louis Goeres, "	15 17
Martin P. Pike, "	10 90
Daniel Leahy, "	9 00
George W. Pierce, "	2 10
Total,	<hr/> \$198 37

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending	
80 funerals,	\$240 00
Ralph Houghton, for returning deaths, .	19 25
" " for summoning Medical	
Examiner,	6 00
Total,	<hr/> \$265 25

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), . \$2,199 00

STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), . \$559 10

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see for items Engineer's
Report), \$2,800 27

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for year 1878, . . .	\$124 20
Mary D. Alden, for over-tax, . . .	32 80
Total,	<u>\$157 00</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for year ending March 1, 1879,	\$10 00
Engineers of Fire Department (salary and cash paid) to May 1, 1879, . . .	80 00
Horatio B. Alden, Collector of Taxes, year 1874,	39 93
Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1877,	305 73
Edson M. Roel, " " 1878,	193 94
Daniel Howard, Moderator, 1879, as per vote,	20 00
James A. Tower, School Committee, including use of carriage, 1879-80, .	175 00
James Molloy, School Committee, 1879-80,	95 00
Winslow Battles, School Committee, 1879-80,	97 50
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, .	275 00
James A. Tower, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, .	275 00
Daniel Howard, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, .	275 00
Total,	<u>\$1,842 10</u>

RESERVOIRS.

Paid John B. Thayer, for constructing reservoir on Mill street, as per contract,	\$445 00
John B. Thayer, for constructing reservoir on Oak street, as per contract,	445 00
John B. Thayer, for constructing reservoir on North Main street, as per contract,	600 00
John B. Thayer, for constructing reservoir on Main street, opposite Warren street,	600 00
John B. Thayer, for extra cap-stones, grates, &c.,	20 00
Charles A. Wales, for globes and lighting,	9 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,119 00

FILLING RESERVOIRS.

Paid Hose Company No. 1 and others, 30 men, for labor,	\$162 00
Weston P. Alden, for labor as Engineer of Steamer,	72 00
John T. Cartwright, for labor and Fire- man of Steamer,	6 90
A. J. Gove, for drawing Steamer,	61 50 .
Seth Mann, for labor,	5 00
Timothy Mannicks, for labor,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$308 40

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, APPARATUS, AND RE-PAIRING HOUSE.

(See Report of Committee.)

Paid Manchester Locomotive Works, for engine and hose-carriage,	\$3,700 00
American Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, for 1,000 feet of hose,	850 00
Henry H. Francis, for repairs on engine-house,	314 94
J. J. Kennedy, for 1 set double harness,	70 00
John B. Thayer, for repairs on engine-house,	30 00
Daniel Leahy, for grading yard, &c.,	13 13
Wm. B. Hathaway, for expenses of Bean and Wilson, engineers,	6 60
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	1 30
Total,	<hr/> \$4,985 97

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Thomas Farrell, balance of salary, 1878-79,	\$337 50
Lysander R. Peterson, balance of salary, 1878-79,	29 17
Joseph Abbenzellar, balance of salary, 1878-79,	25 00
Peter T. Rooney, balance of salary, 1878-79,	12 50
Thomas Hand, balance of salary, 1878-79,	12 50
James E. Neary, salary, 1878-79,	50 00
Total,	<hr/> \$466 67

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid D. H. Huxford, printing 1,350 town reports,	\$190 25
D. H. Huxford, printing notices, warrants, &c.,	94 87
Torrey, Bright and Capen, for carpet and oil-cloth,	120 46
Charles E. Higgins, for labor and material,	102 65
D. B. White & Co., for paint and oil for hall,	121 90
H. Hybennet, for painting hall,	55 33
Wm. B. Hathaway, entertaining firemen,	94 34
Wm. B. Hathaway, entertaining town officers,	72 95
R. W. Turner, for insurance,	60 25
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	86 50
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	47 20
Grand Army Post 110, as per vote,	100 00
Special Police, July 3 and 4,	75 00
Turner Free Library, as per vote,	500 00
Charles A. Wales, repairing roof of lock-up,	45 00
Joshua Spear, for posts delivered 1874,	28 50
Colin Boyd, care of selectmen's office,	25 00
Henry H. Francis, services as constable,	22 50
James N. Bullock, horse-hire,	24 00
Francis A. Stanley, for flagstaff and repairs,	18 64
Expense of Engine Committee to Concord,	16 20

Paid Messrs. Tower & Howard, cash paid, .	\$35 20
John G. Poole, postage,	21 40
A. J. Gove, expressage,	16 75
William Campbell, repairs on hearse, .	15 00
Benjamin Bisbee, for damage to sleigh, .	15 00
Peter A. Wales & Sons, for repairs, .	21 75
Peter A. Wales & Sons, for snow- plough,	15 00
Ward & Gay, for order-books,	14 00
John B. Thayer, labor and material, .	11 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material,	11 09
Ralph Houghton, for labor and repairs, .	12 75
Frank L. Tilton, for stationery,	10 35
Geo. D. Goodwin & Co., for drain-pipe, .	9 40
Colin Boyd, for labor and merchandise, .	10 68
Colin Boyd, for care of hall, town meet- ings,	7 50
Charles K. Darling, for assessors' books,	7 50
Nathaniel Stearns, for merchandise, .	8 00
Patrick McSweeney, for labor and mate- rial,	6 00
Daniel Leahy, for wood,	6 00
Eleazer Beal, for surveying, &c.,	7 05
Frank Porter, for stationery,	5 83
Adam F. Jones, for wood,	5 06
Martin P. Pike, distributing town reports, 1879,	5 00
Green & Prescott, for books,	4 00
Charles E. Higgins, for painting roof of lock-up,	3 00

Paid Colin Boyd, for preparing wood, . . .	\$4 50
Dennis Fox, for labor,	3 00
Doane & Greenough, for stationery, . . .	3 00
John S. Abbott, for stone trough, . . .	3 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	3 00
Messrs. Twomey & Mahoney, for labor, . .	3 00
M. R. Warren, for stationery,	2 75
M. Sansen, for pens,	2 50
Thomas Groom, for tax-books,	2 00
Edward A. Perry, for setting glass, . . .	1 83
Hale S. Howard, for labor on scales, . . .	70
R. M. Pulsifer, for advertising,	50
Total,	<hr/> \$2,215 63

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

There has been very little or no material change from that of last year in the cost of aiding the poor out of the Almshouse. The same number call for assistance year after year, some requiring aid permanently, others only temporarily when compelled by sickness or lack of employment. The Almshouse is still under the management of Mr. Martin P. Pike and his wife, the matron. The condition of the building is remarkably good, neatness and order being apparent in every apartment. The rooms are all well warmed and ventilated, the food, plain and wholesome, regular hours for sleep and meals, doubtless the good health of the inmates, is attributable to the sanitary condition of the institution, and to the faithful and watchful warden and matron, who spare no pains to insure to the poor who are placed in their charge, all necessary comforts. The farm is now well under cultivation, contributing a good share of vegetable supplies for the house. The necessity of more working stock and farming utensils has long been felt, and we have this year purchased a horse, two carts and a mowing-machine, at an expense of three hundred and forty dollars. In addition to the duties incumbent upon our superintendent, he has had in charge this year the widening of South and Mill Streets, as ordered by the County Commissioners. The widening of South Street necessitated the removal of a very large ledge

near Union Street, which was considered a very difficult and expensive undertaking. The whole work was performed under the direction of Mr. Pike, and is entirely satisfactory to the public. Mr. Pike has with the town teams earned and paid into the Treasury during the year, six hundred and ninety-four dollars and thirty-seven cents, said amount very materially reducing the expenses of our Almshouse. Whole number supported at the Almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1880, in whole or in part was thirty-one; the average number, twenty-one, an increase of one for a full year.

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1880 :

Polly Copeland.	Maggie McLaughlin.
Emory Delano.*	Teresa Long.
Eunice Delano.*	Ellen Barry.
Ellen Kennedy.	Patrick Barry.*
Peter Reardon.	William Morrissey.†
Catharine Condon.	Mary A. Quinlan.†
Mary Barry.*	Katie Quinlan.
Hannah Barry.*	Margaret Quinlan.
Lewis Linfield.	Mary O'Brien.
Elias Cole.	John O'Brien.*
Frances McMath.	James O'Brien.
Michael Clark.	Henry Jones.*
George C. Currie.*	Mary Veazie.*
Ellen Buckley.	James Harris.
Angeline Buckley.	George Weaver.
Mary E. Buckley.	

* Discharged.

† Deceased.

‡ Refunded.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMS- HOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, Superintendent, one year,	\$500 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies, . . .	439 24
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal, . .	240 73
Josiah Clark, for meat,	173 21
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	160 69
John Orr, for horse,	150 00
William Campbell, for cart and drag, . .	130 00
N. Rosenfeld, for merchandise,	71 24
I. D. Page, for supplies,	69 23
Whittemore Bros., for mowing-machine, .	60 00
Sidney French, for boots and shoes, . .	49 40
Walter Cartwright, for repairs,	48 30
William Jessop & Son, for steel,	32 55
C. P. Fairbanks, for clothing,	23 40
Ralph Houghton, for coffins and robes, .	28 00
William Campbell, for repairs,	22 65
Charles A. Wales, for labor, material and supplies,	25 28
E. A. Allen, medical aid,	32 00
Warren M. Babbitt, medical aid,	10 00
Ames Plough Co., for plough,	13 00
S. W. Mann, for pigs, :	12 00
Heirs of William Cole, for pasture, . .	16 00
Singer Manfg. Co., for Singer machine, .	15 00
Haskins and Montague, for chains, . .	12 73
Joseph McMullin, for clothing,	12 00
Joshua Spear, for wagon,	10 00
Frank Porter, for medicine,	12 81

Paid A. J. Gove, for expressage,	\$12 55
Braintree Clothing Store, for clothing,	5 00
For carriage robe,	6 00
L. Hoffman, for clothing,	4 75
S. M. Clark, for labor,	4 50
Freeman, for fish,	4 08
Kate McMullin, for merchandise,	3 84
Thomas Whalin, for labor,	3 75
Mrs. Healy, for nursing,	3 00
Horse doctor and for medicine,	3 00
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material,	3 25
William A. Hodges, for supplies,	2 80
Mrs. Garland, for tailoring,	2 50
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	2 00
Henry M. White, for supplies,	1 62
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	1 35
F. L. Tilton, for medicine,	1 52
Old Colony R. R. Corporation,	0 25
Sundry bills,	29 90
Total,	<hr/> \$2,465 12
Cr. by cash paid Treasurer, for labor, board and produce sold, and by bills due,	1,319 87
Net cost,	<hr/> \$1,145 25

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Thayer, for board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid A. S. Niles, for board,	208 00
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Paid R. W. Turner, for coal,	\$15 50
E. A. Allen, for medical aid,	1 00
for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	178 16
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hospital,	189 52
for Mrs. Maggie Snow,* at State Lunatic Hospital,	176 82
for Mrs. Edward Welch, at State Lunatic Hospital,	39 64
for John Lynch,* at State Lunatic Hosp'al,	38 90
for John Harris, at State Reform School,	31 00
for Thomas Fencer, at " " "	28 00
for Patrick Fencer, at State Workhouse, .	12 50
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family, .	199 00
for Mrs. William Grady and " .	162 75
for John C. Kelliher and family, . .	152 62
for Asa Morton,	122 10
for Hiram Holbrook and family, . .	119 50
for Mrs. Philip Kenney and family, .	138 00
for Mrs. James Riley and " . .	133 50
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and " . .	93 50
for Ozias D. Daniels,	233 70
for Michael Magraine and family, . .	141 05
for J. Wales Sylvester and family, part at Canton,	182 09
for Mrs. Francis Knox at Canton, . .	49 00
for Mrs. John Fencer at Brockton, . .	106 70
for Mrs. Austin L. Cole at Braintree, .	89 67

* Deceased.

Paid for Mrs. Almira Giles at Braintree,	\$78 25
for Mrs. Bernard Purcell, Jr., and child,	92 55
for Thomas Donohue and family,	87 87
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family,	88 35
for Richmond Jones and family,	67 73
for Mrs. J. Newton Clark,	56 00
for B. W. Sylvester and family,	78 25
for Mrs. Hiram Wilson,	82 52
for Hiram Wilson,	12 25
for Mrs. Hannah E. Eddy,	55 00
for Mrs. Bernard Gill,	49 00
for Gerald Garrity and family,	41 00
for Mrs. Margaret E. Kennedy and family,	57 00
for Mrs. Patrick McKay and family,	32 50
for George Clark,	30 90
for Mrs. John Welch and family,	36 23
for Mrs. Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr., at N.H.),	53 00
for Thomas Kelly and child,	48 25
for Mrs. Shepard Wood and family,	62 50
for Patrick Barry at Dorchester Asylum,	14 00
for L. P. Holbrook and wife at Quincy,	59 13
for Mrs. Patrick Howard and family, part at Braintree,	121 68
for Alexander Holbrook and family,	38 00
for Thomas Duff and family,	20 00
for James Fitzgerald,	14 00
for Mrs. George A. Faunce,	8 00
for Mrs. Margaret Deneil,	7 00

Paid for Mrs. Richard Carey and family,	\$6 00
for Hugh Galligan and family at Worcester,	5 90
for William Barry,	1 00
for Bartholomew Bunberry and family at Springfield,	2 10
for Mary A. Scott at Boston,	2 00
for sundry bills for aid,	58 86
for sundry bills for aid, refunded,	62 10
Total,	<hr/> \$4,471 14

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN
RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK, THROUGH MILI-
TARY SERVICES.

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$184 67
for Mrs. William H. Simpson and family,	262 53
for Mrs. Christiana Sloan and family,	117 93
for Mrs. Rose Murphy and family,	116 00
for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand and family,	106 84
for Mrs. John Mann and family,	101 95
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	183 50
for Walter A. Jones and family,	133 40
for John Crosby and family,	102 85
for Albert W. Howard and family,	56 00
for Mrs. Lysander C. Morse, at Brockton,	72 26
for Mrs. O'Gorman, at Boston,	51 40
for Mrs. Mary Mullins, at Boston,	37 22
for Mrs. C. V. Sloan, at Brockton,	38 72
for William Tilson and family,	54 40

Paid for John Kiley,	\$23 00
for L. F. Leavitt and family, at Quincy,	36 44
for Aaron Leavitt and family, at Quincy,	13 00
for Margaret McLaughlin, at Chelsea, .	23 00
for Lorenzo D. Eddy,	6 00
for George F. French,	2 00
for William Whitten,	3 25
Total,	<hr/> \$1,726 36

One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in the Almshouse paid by Holbrook.

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton, . .	\$203 30
for Francis Blanchard, Brockton, . .	202 90
for Stephen Farnum, Methuen, . .	85 00
for Elizabeth Farnum, Methuen, . .	72 50
for Lucius Hollis, Holbrook, . .	187 29
for Catharine Curtis, Holbrook, . .	62 70
for Isaac N. Pendergrass, Holbrook, .	6 00
for Lysander Miller, Holbrook, . .	1 00
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton, . .	73 00
for George C. Currie, Canton, . .	38 65
for John F. Clark, Stoughton, . .	165 90
for James O'Sullivan, Stoughton, . .	4 00
for Edmund Burke, Foxboro, . .	35 50
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury, .	31 25
for Hewitt Baker, Pembroke, . .	34 00
for James Ward, Hanover, . .	20 00
for John C. Durgin, Mansfield, . .	12 00
for Emory Delano and wife, Leicester, .	8 80

Paid for Chandler Cox, Braintree, . . .	\$4 00
for Mrs. William Faunt, Braintree, . . .	1 35
for John Burns, North Brookfield, . . .	3 10
for Charles M. Moore, Boston, . . .	3 50
for Charles Whitney, Medway, . . .	9 00
for Peter Gallagher, Quincy, . . .	15 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,279 74

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, for lodging 647 tramps in lock-up,	\$140 00
Colin Boyd, for labor and sundry bills, . . .	27 48
Hurley & McSweeny, for labor and ma- terial,	8 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	16 04
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	12 00
Henry H. Francis, for labor and material, . .	7 30
James N. Bullock, for filling beds, . . .	4 00
William H. Smith, for charcoal, . . .	4 80
Town of Quincy,	4 50
F. L. Tilton, for medicine, . . .	2 50
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . .	3 50
Total,	<hr/> \$230 12
Paid for Peter Lomby,	\$8 00
for Mrs. Robert E. Weaver, . . .	13 15
Total,	<hr/> \$251 27

Included in the expenses of poor in the almshouse, poor out of the almshouse, poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, poor of other towns and state paupers, are

the following sums of money paid to the physicians for medical aid rendered for one year, ending April 5, 1880:—

Dr. Charles C. Farnham,	. . . . .	\$75 00
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman,	. . . . .	75 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen,	. . . . .	75 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	. . . . .	75 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase,	. . . . .	75 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	. . . . .	75 00
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>\$450 00

The undersigned, auditors of accounts for the financial year ending March 1, 1880, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen, and find them correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the treasurer.

V. H. DEANE,
FRANK MORTON,
HALE S. HOWARD,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph, 1880.

Randolph, March 18, 1880.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &c.,

MARCH 1, 1880.

2 horses,	. . . . .	\$400 00
2 cows,	. . . . .	80 00
13 hens,	. . . . .	8 00
2 pigs,	. . . . .	14 00
4½ tons of hay — English,	. . . . .	100 00
½ ton of fresh hay,	. . . . .	5 00

1	farm wagon,	\$65 00
2	horse carts,	150 00
1	swing drag,	50 00
1	mowing-machine,	60 00
1	carriage,	100 00
1	stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
4	harnesses,	50 00
4	draft chains,	10 00
1	sled,	3 00
1	grindstone,	10 00
1	wheelbarrow,	3 00
3	scythes and snaths,	4 00
3	rakes,	1 75
7	hay and manure forks,	5 00
7	shovels, 1 spade,	6 00
3	ploughs,	25 00
1	cultivator,	7 00
1	iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
2	axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5 00
4	hoes,	1 25
1	saw-horse,	75
1	snow shovel,	50
1	churn,	2 00
1	boiler,	2 00
60	bushels of potatoes,	55 00
$\frac{1}{2}$	box of soap,	4 00
6	pounds of coffee,	1 00
1	gallon of molasses,	50
8	pound of sugar,	1 00
$\frac{1}{2}$	barrel of flour,	5 00

18	iron bedsteads,						\$100 00
28	colored blankets,						20 00
25	white blankets,						20 00
5	colored bed-spreads,						4 00
5	comforters,						7 00
7	feather-beds,						56 00
19	under-beds,						25 00
57	sheets,						24 00
10	double sheets,						5 00
36	pillow-cases,						15 00
16	feather pillows,						9 00
20	towels,						2 50
	table-cloths,						5 00
6	wooden trunks,						3 00
3	dining-tables,						12 00
5	light-stands,						3 00
60	chairs,						30 00
	Ash-barrel, sifter, hod and shovel,						4 00
	Cooking-stove and furniture,						25 00
6	flat-irons,						2 25
1	hammer,						75
1	wood-saw,						1 25
1	steelyards,						1 50
1	clothes-wringer,						5 00
3	hammers and 33 drills,						45 00
	Crockery ware,						40 00
	Wooden ware,						20 00
	Tin ware,						12 00
1	clock,						4 00
1	cord wood,						6 00

1	road-scraper,	.	.	.	.	.	\$30 00
2½	tons of coal,	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
300	pounds of pork,	.	.	.	.	.	36 00
1	washing-machine,	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
95	pounds of lard,	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
9	lamps,	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
30	flour barrels,	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
15	yards of calico,	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
6	yards of crash,	.	.	.	.	.	48
104	pounds of ham,	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Total,							<hr/> \$1,895 98

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1880-81.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town : —

For schools (see report of School Committee),

repairs, furniture and incidental expenses,	\$8,500 00
highways	3,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
Fire department (see report of Engineers,	3,464 00

\$27,964 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT

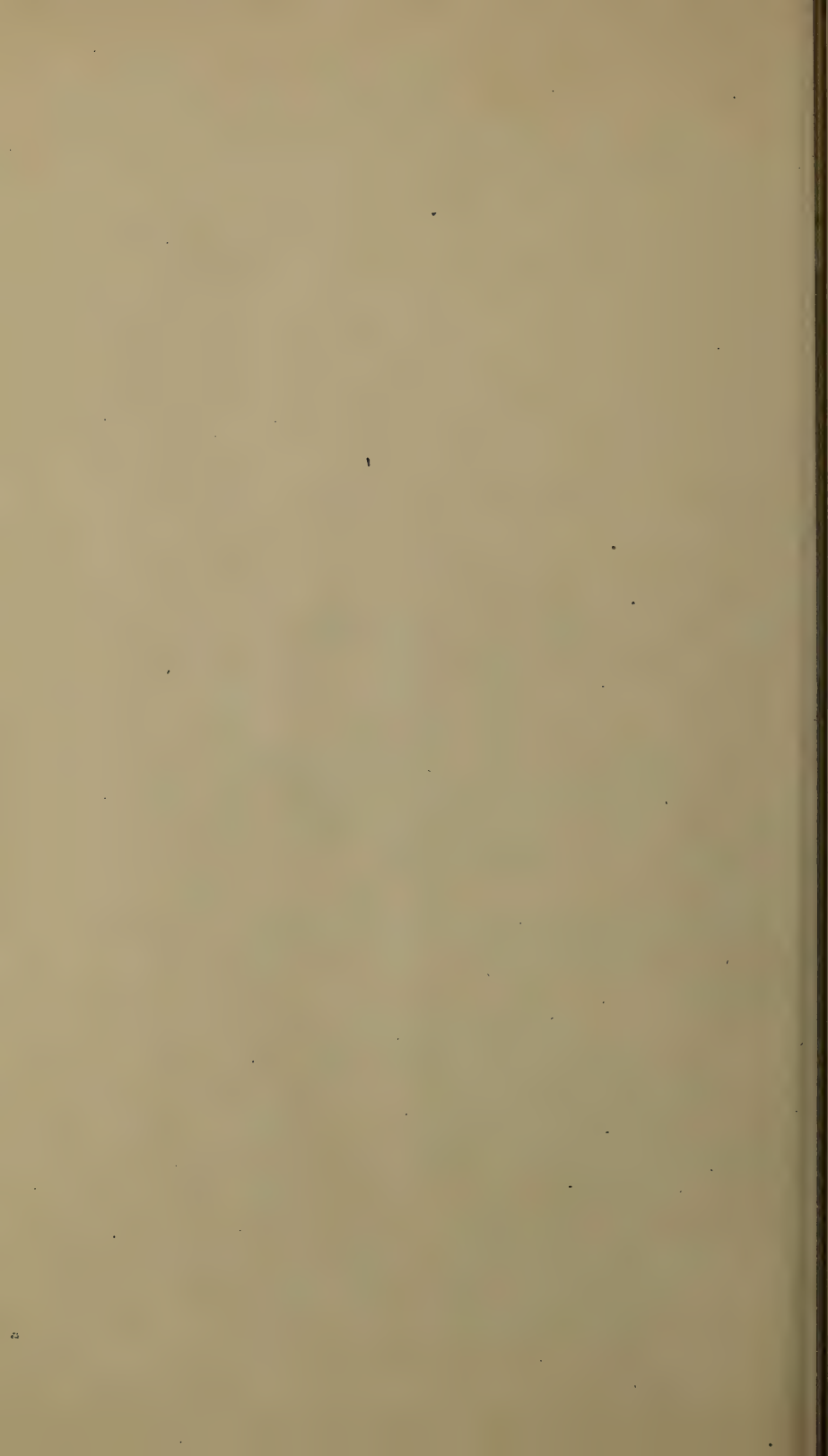
OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1879-80.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

Professor Teufelsdröckh, in "Sartor Resartus," says, "I too acknowledge the all but omnipotence of early culture and nurture. Hereby we have either a doddered dwarf bush or a high-towering wide-shadowing tree; either a sick yellow cabbage or an edible green luxuriant one. Of a truth, it is the duty of all men to note down with accuracy the characteristic circumstances of their education, what furthered, what hindered, what in any way modified it."

Recognizing in some degree the value of the statements enunciated by the professor, although at the time they did not have his words in mind, and desiring that all citizens should have an opportunity of visiting the schools, and, remembering their own advantages, should note with accuracy the circumstances of the education of the children in this town, the School Committee, at a meeting held March 31, 1879, passed the following order : —

"Voted, that whereas we have drifted far from the landmarks of the fathers of the New England school system in abrogating the custom of yearly public examinations or exhibitions in the common schools which formerly prevailed, and that thereby parents have been deprived of the opportunity for obtaining an intelligent basis for the constant criticism of pupils, teachers and the school committee which should con-

tinually exist in order that our schools may be maintained in their highest efficiency : It is therefore ordered, that at the close of the term year of 1879, public examinations shall be held in each of the public school buildings in this town."

The merest tyro in history can hardly have failed to observe that among all peoples there is a constant tendency to a centralization of authority in the hands of a few.

Indolence and indifference allow the first encroachment, and then conservatism appears to defend the territory obtained, and so, basing their action upon the apathy so often seemingly apparent, but which the School Committee do not believe actually exists, they passed the above order, hoping thereby to establish closer relations with the people and the public schools.

Viewing the situation in a monetary aspect, do the people of this town fully realize that nearly one third of all the money raised by taxation goes to the support of the public schools? It is a wise expenditure, but it should be looked after closely.

These children should have in the first place pure air to breathe, and such exercises as will tend to preserve their health.

Secondly, they should have competent instructors, not *eye-servants*, but those working with their whole will for the benefit of their pupils.

Thirdly, a School Committee which will endeavor that the objects indicated shall be accomplished ; and,

Fourthly, a constituency which will continually insist upon an observance of these conditions.

To the end that the influence of the common-school system so wisely established shall not become dormant, but remain a vivifying power while the Republic endures.

In view of the fact that so many of our children go no further in their studies than the Grammar schools, it has been the constant endeavor of the Committee to make those rooms as attractive and useful as possible.

The introduction of music as a regular exercise, about which the Committee hesitated for some time, but finally decided upon, appears to be highly satisfactory to parents, pupils and teachers.

In fact, it has been found that a large number of children who formerly went reluctantly to school, and were glad to avail themselves of any pretext for staying away, are now so changed that they insist upon going, when, in consequence of ailments, they ought to remain at home.

In accordance with the by-laws of the town and the statute, the Committee appointed truant officers, and the report of those officers, is subjoined.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

In accordance with the by-laws of the town under which we received our appointment, we beg leave to report that we have from time to time visited the various schools and obtained from the teachers the names of absentees, and that we have also been notified by teachers from time to time of cases of truancy.

We have attended to the duty of investigating the cases and compelling the attendance of children in accordance with the law. In response to direct applications from teachers, we have looked after seventy-four cases of absenteeism, and a few cases of truancy, and have also investigated such cases of seeming truancy which we have observed upon the streets

and by-ways of the town. We regret to say that in some instances we have noticed a seeming desire on the part of parents to keep their children from school for the purpose of employing them at home in minor and trivial labor.

GALEN HOLLIS,
THOMAS FARRELL,

Truant Officers.

Last year the committee asked for an appropriation of \$9,000, which the town granted without a question. This year the committee are gratified that they are able to announce that in their judgment, an appropriation of \$8,500 will probably be sufficient to cover current expenses, and they ask for the following amounts:—

For teaching,	\$7,000
fuel,	300
care of rooms,	450
incidentals,	400
repairs,	350
	<hr/>
	\$8,500

Respectfully,

JAMES A. TOWER, *Chairman.*
JAMES MOLLOY,
WINSLOW BATTLES.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1879-80.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$999 99
A. C. Wadsworth, 1 year,	786 25

Paid Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	.	.	\$450 00
Alice M. Smith, 38 weeks,	.	.	375 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	.	.	350 00
Kittie E. Sheridan, 38 weeks,	.	.	349 50
Annie Veazie, 31 weeks,	.	.	318 00
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	.	.	304 00
Annie M. Belcher, 38 weeks,	.	.	325 00
Sarah V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	.	.	325 00
Ellen P. Henry, 38 weeks,	.	.	304 00
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	.	.	297 50
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	.	.	297 50
Isabel C. Beal, 38 weeks,	.	.	278 50
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	.	.	285 00
Minnie M. Babbitt, 38 weeks,	.	.	265 50
Mary D. Dooley, 23 weeks,	.	.	150 00
Estelle Reddington, 13 weeks,	.	.	104 00
Kittie R. Molloy, 7 weeks,	.	.	42 00
Total,	.	.	<hr/> \$6,606 74

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	.	.	\$226 13
R. T. & E. M. Mann, for wood,	.	.	10 00
Daniel Leahy, for wood,	.	.	9 00
Adam F. Jones, "	.	.	5 06
Sundry persons for shavings and prepar- ing wood,	.	.	16 30
Total,	.	.	<hr/> \$266 49

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$222 64
Galen Hollis,	76 00
Sarah V. Wilde,	31 00
George W. Bump,	20 00
John Wales,	20 00
Lawrence Ormsby,	12 00
Mary Shields,	10 75
Henry Piper,	10 50
Mary Feeney,	5 12
Total,	<hr/> \$408 01

FOR FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES AND
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Henry H. Francis, for labor and material,	\$413 95
George H. Chaplin & Co., for 2 pianos, .	360 00
Ephraim Mann, for building wall and grad- ing yard,	179 99
William Ware & Co., for books, . . .	170 23
Hiram Wilde, for musical instructions, .	147 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material,	114 77
Dole Brothers, for desks,	98 20
Ginn & Heath, for books,	93 00
Knight, Adams & Co., for books, . . .	76 07
Robert S. Davis & Co., for books, . . .	71 51
Lee & Shepard, for books,	64 57
Torrey, Bright & Capen, for oilcloth, .	50 45
Thomas H. West, for labor on books, .	50 01
A. C. Stöckin, for books,	44 31

Paid H. Hybennet, for labor and material,	\$37 24
Nichols & Hall, for books,	28 16
D. H. Huxford, for printing notices, &c.,	21 50
Joseph B. Lord, for mats, &c.,	28 25
Boston School Supply Co., for books, &c.,	30 85
H. S. Howard, for taking census of school children,	20 00
L. Prang & Co., for books,	27 08
E. F. King & Co., for paint and oil,	14 77
Thomas Moran, for team-work, $4\frac{1}{5}$ days,	20 75
Dennis Sullivan, for labor, $4\frac{4}{5}$ "	8 43
Dennis Kelliher, for labor, $4\frac{4}{5}$ "	8 43
Clafin & Brown, for paper,	13 37
Doane & Greenough, for stationery,	8 63
Gilbert A. Tolman, for dusters,	10 50
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	19 60
H. C. Bird, for book-case,	18 00
Thomas Fardy, for labor and material,	15 25
Winslow Alden, for labor and material,	15 22
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	12 42
James E. Nash, for barometers,	8 50
Patrick Feeney, for labor,	6 45
Ralph Houghton, for labor and material,	6 00
Oliver Ditson & Co., for two piano stools,	6 00
Hiram Wilde, for tuning pianos,	6 00
Whitney & Warner, for merchandise,	4 00
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	3 75
Patrick Feeney, for use of well,	6 00
Soriano M. Jones, for use of well,	3 00
John Wales, for use of well,	3 00

Paid Old Colony Railroad Corporation, for	\$2 89
Carter Dinsmore, for merchandise,	2 00
H. H. Piper, for labor,	2 00
Charles H. Mann, for drawing stone,	1 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies,	1 09
Henry M. White, for supplies,	62
I. D. Page, for supplies,	60
Total,	<hr/> \$2,355 41

Included in the above is cash refunded to the Town

Treasurer for books sold,	\$373 12
Stock of books on hand,	102 32
Uncollected bills and cash on hand	206 19
	<hr/> \$681 63

Expenditures less than appropriations,	\$96 26
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TOTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6,606 74
for Stetson High School,	1,250 00
for fuel,	266 49
for care of school-rooms,	408 01
for miscellaneous expenses,	2,355 41
Total,	<hr/> \$10,886 65

Respectfully,

JAMES A. TOWER, *Chairman.*

JAMES MOLLOY.

WINSLOW BATTLES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

GENTLEMEN, — The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report : —

In making this Report we wish to call the attention of the citizens to the large number of fires which have occurred during the past year, causing us to overrun our appropriation. In our opinion the most of these fires have been of incendiary origin,

The number of fires the last year has been seven, causing a greater loss than ever occurred in same length of time in this Town.

The Department has been called to the following fires : —

April 1, 12.30 A.M. Store of David Burrill, occupied by L. Hoffman; store of G. T. Jones, occupied as store and dwellings; house and store of Ephraim F. Belcher, all consumed. Engines present, Pioneer H. & L., Fire King, Independence and Fearless; also steamer from Holbrook.

Nov. 25, 12.45 A.M. Shop of James Molloy, near Prescott School-house, occupied by M. Sheridan; destroyed. Engines present, Steamer, Hose, Pioneer H. & L., Independence and Fearless.

Jan. 10, 9.40 P.M. House of Matthew Brown, South Main street, destroyed. Engines present, Pioneer H. & L., Steamer, Hose and Bay State, of Stoughton.

Jan. 15, 8 A.M. House of Mrs. Whalin, North street, chimney fire. Engines present, Hose, Steamer, Pioneer H. & L., Fearless and Independence.

Jan. 16, 4 A.M. House of Mrs. Whalin, North street, destroyed. Engines present, Hose, Pioneer H. & L., Steamer.

Feb. 6, 12.30 A.M. Store of John Long, on Main street, occupied by S. B. Shaw and J. H. Simpson, damaged. Engines present, Hose, Pioneer H. & L., Steamer Independence and Fearless.

Feb. 15, 3.20 A.M. Store of B. Mahon, Warren street, occupied by John Watson, consumed. Engines present, Pioneer H. & L., Hose, Steamer, Independence and Fearless.

EXPENSES FOR 1879-80.

Whole amount, \$2,800.27, divided as follows:—

FIRE KING.

Paid 47 men, services one year to May 1,	
1879, \$12,	\$564 00
Walter Cartwright, repairing hose,	18 00
J. T. Cartwright, Steward's bill,	1 50
" " " " 1878,	9 75
C. A. Wales, supplies,	65
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	55
Total,	<hr/> \$594 45

PIONEER HOOK & LADDER COMPANY.

Paid 25 men, services one year to May 1,	
1879, \$12,	\$300 00

Paid N. E. Knights, steward's bill, 1878,	.	\$8 00
" " " "	.	9 75
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	.	1 50
C. A. Wales, lanterns and globes, "	.	2 85
Total,	.	<u>\$322 10</u>

INDEPENDENCE.

Paid 50 men, services one year to May 1,	
1879, \$12,	\$600 00
John B. McGraine, steward's bill, 1878, .	8 75
" " " "	9 50
One pipe,	22 75
G. S. Bennett, supplies,	96
Mary Sullivan, rent of land one year, .	10 00
D. Leahey, drawing from fire, . .	1 50
W. Cartwright, belts, &c., . . .	2 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs, . . .	75
C. A. Wales, lanterns and chain, . .	2 88
John B. McGraine, steward's bill, . .	10 25
Total,	<u>\$669 34</u>

FEARLESS.

Paid 50 men, services one year to May 1,	
1879, \$12,	\$600 00
W. A. English, steward's bill, 1878, .	2 00
James Riley, rent of land one year, .	10 00
Levi Wilbur, repairs,	5 75
A. G. Swain, wood,	2 50
Chas. Prescott, supplies,	4 17

Paid D. B. White & Co., oil,	\$0 38
C. A. Wales, lanterns,	2 40
Josiah Clark, drawing to fire,	2 00
G. F. Howard, steward's bill,	21 50
" washing Fire King,	3 50
" cutting wood,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$655 70

RESERVOIRS.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., coal for filling, . .	\$75 00
J. B. Thayer, repairs,	2 50
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	2 50
Total,	<hr/> \$80 00

STEAMER AND HOSE COMPANY.

Paid Chas. Moore, cutting wood,	\$1 25
H. A. Hall, rubber coats and caps,	34 00
L. M. Howard, pine wood,	2 25
Chas. Moore, cutting wood,	1 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	74 43
W. P. Alden, labor,	12 00
J. T. Cartwright, labor on hose,	5 50
J. T. Cartwright, steward's bill, hose com- pany,	12 40
Manchester Locomotive Works, 2 link blocks,	14 00
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs, . .	8 87
W. P. Alden, cleaning steamer after fire, .	28 85
L. D. Eddy, sawing wood,	50

Paid J. Dooley, Jr., step ladder,	\$1 00
J. H. Wales, saddle for suction hose,	1 00
Daniel Leahey, wood,	2 50
J. Wales, brass lantern,	3 50
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer to fire, &c.,	58 20
W. Cartwright, pole, strap, belts, &c.,	18 27
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	4 00
D. B. White & Co., supplies and oil,	26 76
C. A. Wales, stove,	15 00
C. A. Wales, lanterns, zinc, &c.,	10 90
Total,	<u>\$336 18</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid E. E. Lothrop, removing snow, 1878,	\$5 00
D. Leahey, teaming,	5 00
Chandler & Gleason, drawing steamer,	
April 1,	10 00
E. Wood, carting coal for Holbrook fire,	2 50
J. N. Bullock, horses drawing engines,	16 00
E. A. Perry, repairs,	2 65
F. Myers, "	1 00
W. B. Brown, "	3 70
Geo. Hybennett, painting steamer house,	17 00
E. & F. Kings, paints, &c., " "	20 30
N. H. Tirrell, painting signs, " "	15 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	13 35
Advertising Fire King,	1 50
Wm. B. Hathaway,	6 80
E. A. Perry, repairs,	4 75

Paid C. Moore, labor,	\$1 00
B. O. Mahoney, labor,	1 00
J. Dooley, Jr., shovelling snow, 1878,	
1879, 1880,	1 75
Colin Boyd, care rooms for meetings,	
1875 to 1880,	8 10
C. A. Wales, lanterns, and cash paid out,	6 00
Total,	<hr/> \$142 50

RECEIPTS.

Received for rent of Fearless Hall, .	\$9 75
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ORGANIZATION.

May 1, 1879, Department organized as follows : —

ENGINEERS.

John Dooley, Jr., *Chief*; Levi Wilbur, Louis Goeres;
C. A. Wales, *Clerk*.

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; W. P. Alden,
Engineer; J. T. Cartwright, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, . . . 20 men, W. F. McMahon, *Foreman*.

Pioneer Hook and Ladder, 1, 25 men, Sam'l A. Foster, "

Independence, 3, . . . 50 men, James E. Neary, "

Fearless, 3, . . . 50 men, Myron W. Hollis, "

ENGINE HOUSE.

The houses are all in good condition at the present time.

ENGINES.

The steamer which was purchased the last year has given general satisfaction, and we think has fully saved its cost. The engineers were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. A. J. Gove in drawing steamer, and of W. P. Alden, engineer, and John T. Cartwright, fireman, and have always found them prompt and ready. The engineers have tried to dispose of the Fire King Engine, which has been stored in the Fearless house; but not receiving any offer which they thought reasonable, would like the opinion of the citizens in regard to the disposal of same.

It was the opinion of the committee appointed at the last town meeting that at some future time another steamer should be purchased and placed in the north part of the town, and we would recommend the purchase of the same.

HOSE.

The amount of hose in the department is 1,200 feet of leather, which is old and growing poor, besides 1,000 feet of canvas hose, purchased with the steamer, which has given general satisfaction. The engineers are unanimous in asking the town for the appropriation of \$1,000 for the purchase of hose.

RESERVOIRS.

We think the citizens of the town have seen the benefit of reservoirs during the last year; and there are a number of places where they are needed; and we would recommend one in the neighborhood of South or Union street, also one somewhere between the one on the hill and Short street

on North street. The location of others we leave to the judgment of the citizens. We would also recommend that some arrangement be made so that water could be kept in one of the ponds on Main street, as we depend on this to a great extent for filling reservoirs, also in case of fires in the vicinity below the pond; we think water could be kept here most of the year at a small expense.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

We would recommend the appropriation of \$150 for the purchase of three extinguishers, one to be placed in each engine-house, as in the commencement or of small fires we think they would be of great service.

PAY OF MEN.

The pay of enginemen we leave for the town to take action on as has been the custom heretofore.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In making our estimate for the ensuing year we ask for the following amounts:—

Pay of men,	.	.	.	.	.	_____
Hose,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Fire Extinguishers,	.	.	.	.	.	150 00
Incidental expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	550 00

As the enginemen are not paid until May 1, 1880, we cannot give the exact expenses of running Steamer and

Hose-carriage, but to March 1, 1880, the amount has been : —

Expenses,	\$336 18
Pay of men,	220 00
Total,	<hr/> \$556 18

Which includes coal, coats and caps, &c., on hand.

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Chief Engineer*,
 LEVI WILBUR,
 LOUIS GOERES,
 C. A. WALES, *Clerk*,
Engineers of Fire Department.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Randolph:

GENTLEMEN, — The Committee chosen by the town at the annual meeting held in April last, to purchase a steam fire-engine, hose-carriage, hose, and to place the Fire King engine-house in a suitable condition to receive the same, would respectfully submit to you the following Report of their doings : —

After giving several hearings, at which some of the most experienced manufacturers of steam fire-engines were present, and making what seemed to us all needful and necessary inquiries concerning the different makers of steam fire-engines, and the qualities of the different machines, we made a contract with the Manchester Locomotive Works, of Manches-

ter, N.H., for an engine (second-class in size) and hose-carriage, for the sum of \$3,700, as will more fully appear by the contract which we annex as part of our Report.

We have caused the engine-house to be suitably prepared for the reception of the engine and hose-carriage, and, in so doing, we have expended the following amounts: for labor and material in preparing the foundation, \$30; for grading the yard and cellar for foundation, \$13.13; for sheathing the inside of the house, laying hard-pine floor and other repairs, the sum of \$314.94. We also purchased of the American Fire Hose Manufacturing Company one thousand feet of rubber-lined jacket hose, for the sum of \$850.

We also purchased a set of double harnesses at a cost of \$70, and paid expressage on the same \$1.30.

The engine arrived in town on the evening of the 26th of June, and was tested by the committee and engineers of the town on the 28th of June; and we are of the unanimous opinion that the engine fully complies with all the specifications of the contract, and has given the greatest satisfaction thus far in the different tests applied and in its general working.

We have also paid for the expenses of the men coming with the engine, the sum of \$6.60. You will see from the statements above, and which we have appended as an itemized account, that in performing the duties assigned to us we have expended the sum of \$4,985.97, and herewith asked to be discharged.

J. WHITE BELCHER,
JOHN DOOLEY, JR.,
LOUIS GOERES.
LEVI WILBUR,

JOHN T. FLOOD.
CHARLES H. HOWARD.
E. E. LOTHROP.
JONATHAN WALES.

Contract with Manchester Locomotive Works,	\$3,700 00
" H. H. Francis,	314 94
" John B. Thayer,	30 00
" Daniel Leahy,	13 13
Set of double harnesses, J. J. Kennedy, .	70 00
American Hose Manufacturing Co., 1,000 feet,	850 00
Expenses of Messrs. Bean and Wilson, . .	6 60
Expressage,	1 30
Total,	<u>\$4,985 97</u>

CONTRACT.

Memorandum of agreement made this 17th day of April, 1879, by and between the Manchester Locomotive Works, of Manchester, N.H., the party of the first part, and a Committee duly chosen, representing for this purpose the town of Randolph, the party of the second part: Whereby it is agreed as follows; to wit, —

That the said Manchester Locomotive Works, the party of the first part, will build and finish, in accordance with the following specifications, for said town of Randolph, the party of the second part, a second-class (in size) steam fire-engine, and will also deliver the same to said party of the second part in Randolph, Mass. Said Manchester Locomotive Works are to deliver said engine at said Randolph, Mass., within eight weeks from date, in complete running order, and to warrant its material and workmanship to be of the best quality, and to replace at their own expense such parts, if any, as may fail within a year, if such failure is properly attributable to defective material or inferior workmanship. Said party of the second part hereby agree, that as soon as

practicable after the delivery of said steam fire-engine, as above provided, it shall have a full and complete trial of its working powers, under the superintendence of the enngineer in charge; and if said engine shall then prove in accordance with the specification, it shall be accepted by the party of the second part; and they hereby agree to pay to said Manchester Locomotive Works for the same, the sum of \$3,200 in cash, and \$500 in cash for hose-carriage.

SPECIFICATION.

The engine to be of the second-class (in size), and to weigh, exclusive of supplies, about 4,800 pounds.

Boiler. — To be vertical, $30\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and $63\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and is to contain 265 copper tubes 18 inches long, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. The boiler to be made of best steel plate, double riveted, and well stayed; to be cased in wood, and covered with Russia iron, properly banded with red metal bands; to be surmounted with red metal dome and chimney casing.

Pumps. — The main forcing pump to be double-acting vertical pump, made of cast-iron lined with brass, with cylinder $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter inside, and to have a stroke of 8 inches. The valve-seats to be of brass, and the valves of vulcanized rubber; valve-springs of brass. The suction chamber of pump to be fitted so that suction hose can be connected on either side of engine. There is also to be two feed-pumps; red metal water-tank.

Steam Cylinders. — To be $6\frac{7}{8}$ inches diameter, 8 stroke, and exhausts into chimney, through a variable exhaust tip; red metal heads, silver body.

Vacuum Chambers. — To be made of copper screwed upon the seat on the suction pipe $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches diameter, and 24 inches high.

Air Chamber. — To be made of copper 32 inches high, 19 inches diameter at dome, and fitted with seat on top to hold signal.

Wheels. — Spokes and felloes to be of wood; hubs to be of iron; tires to be of iron $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. The forward wheels to be 48 inches high, and rear wheels 60 inches high; third-class size wheels and axles.

Brake. — Arranged to bear upon the rear wheels, and so constructed as to be controlled by driver.

Suction Hose. — To be in two lengths, made in the best manner from rubber, upon galvanized coil $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter inside; each piece fitted with suitable brass coupling, and to be ten feet in length, and one extra piece seven and one half feet in length.

Coal Basket. — To be made of sheet iron and of a desirable form, and attached to rear of engine; to be of a size to carry sufficient fuel for one hour's consumption by the engine when in use.

The Drawing Rig. — To be such that the engine may be drawn by horses. There is to be a driver's seat upon the forward part of the engine, made of iron and fitted with cushion, two carriage side lamps and whip-socket, and the engine is to completely fitted with a proper pole and whiffletrees for the attachment of horses, also hand pole and reel.

Name. — To be Randolph No. 1, which is to be engraved upon lanterns, and upon engine in the usual manner. Name of hose-carriage to be "Randolph Hose No. 1."

Painting. — The engine to be painted vermillion, striped with gold leaf.

Supplies. — The engine is to be supplied with a suitable brass strainer for the suction hose ; a brass hydrant connection for suction hose ; a brass signal whistle ; two silver-plated gauges, one to indicate the pressure of steam, and the other the pressure of water at the pumps.

Two discharge pipes for leading hose with a complete set of changeable nozzles from $\frac{7}{8}$ inch diameter to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter, inclusive.

Two brass-bound fireman's hand lanterns ; two fire axes ; a jack-screw ; one crow-bar ; a large brass oil-can ; a coal shovel and fire poker ; a small tool box furnished with such small tools as may be required about the engine when in use, such as hammers, wrenches, and the like.

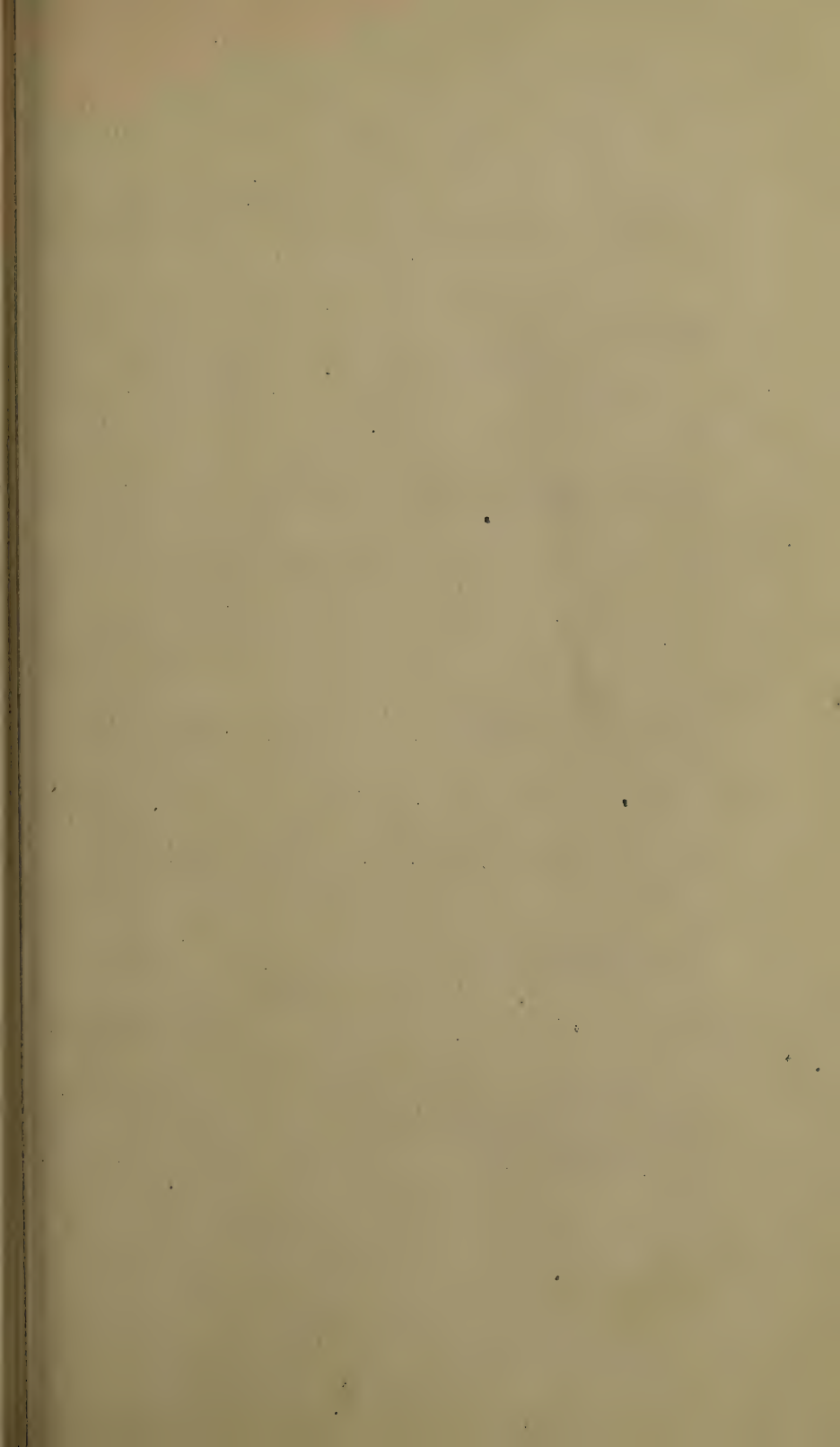
Done at Randolph this seventeenth day of April, 1879.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JOHN DOOLEY, JR.,
J. WHITE BELCHER,
CHARLES H. HOWARD,
LOUIS GOERES,
JONATHAN WALES,
E. E. LOTHROP,
LEVI WILBUR,

For Town of Randolph.

ARETAS BLOOD,

Agent for Manchester Locomotive Works.



DR.		TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH									
March, 1879.											
To cash paid on town orders,	\$994 16
Balance,	4,423 96
											<u>\$5,418 12</u>
April, 1879.											
To cash—bank tax,	\$23 15
corporation tax,	32 31
interest—Jephtha Howard,	120 00
“ George H. Nichols,	12 00
town orders,	1,974 49
Balance,	2,358 89
											<u>\$4,520 84</u>
May, 1879.											
To cash—fireman's testimonial,	\$19 00
paid on town orders,	5,071 31
Balance,	2,691 54
											<u>\$7,781 85</u>
June, 1879.											
To interest paid Lucy A. Wilbur,	\$30 00
cash paid on town orders,	3,882 92
Balance,	88 22
											<u>\$4,001 14</u>
July, 1879.											
To cash paid on town orders,	\$4,403 60
Balance,	2,824 79
											<u>\$7,228 39</u>
August, 1879.											
To cash paid on town orders,	\$5,338 62
Balance,	1,867 58
											<u>\$7,206 20</u>
September, 1879.											
To interest on Commonwealth notes,	\$450 00
cash to Commonwealth liquor licenses,	275 00
interest—Lemuel Wentworth,	96 00
cash paid on town orders,	3,591 51
Balance,	603 95
											<u>\$5,016 46</u>

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, TREASURER.

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March, 1879.

By balance in treasury,	\$5,418	12
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\$5,418 12

April, 1879.

By cash balance,	\$4,423 96
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corporation tax,	48 88
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town of Quincy (pauper),	48 00
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\$4,520 84

May, 1879.

By cash balance,	\$2,358 89
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Pembroke,	26 00
Dorchester,	2 00

Duxbury,	8 00
Essex,	85 00

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city of Taunton,	97 00
loan (Randolph National Bank,	3 000 00

\$7,781 85

June, 1879.

By cash balance,	\$2,691 54
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liquor licenses,	250 00
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E. M. Roel (tax, 1878),	973	99
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town of Braintree,	47	11
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Canton,	88 50
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\$4,001 14

July, 1879.

By cash balance,	\$88 22
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liquor licenses.	50 00
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E. M. Roel (extra tax, 1878),	90	17
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Commonwealth note,	7,000	00
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\$7,228 39

August, 1879.

By cash balance,	\$2,824 79
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E. M. Roel, interest tax, 1877,	180	08
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1878,	151 33
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liquor license,	50 00
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(loan) Randolph National Bank,	4,000 00
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\$7,206 20

September, 1879.

By cash balance,	\$1,867 58
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E. M. Roel (tax),
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Almshouse,	384 00
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\$5,016 46

DR.		THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH	
October, 1879.			
To cash paid Randolph National Bank (loan),	.	.	\$5,000 00
" " " (loan),	.	.	3,000 00
interest on above notes,	.	.	205 42
Randolph National Bank (loan),	.	.	4,000 00
interest on above,	.	.	31 67
on town orders,	.	.	3,296 16
Balance,	.	.	4,033 32
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			\$19,566 57
November, 1879,			
To cash paid sealer of weights and measures,	.	.	\$7 00
for duplicate weights and measures,	.	.	7 00
on town orders,	.	.	5,095 75
Balance,	.	.	528 21
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			\$5,637 96
December, 1879.			
To cash paid county for dogs,	.	.	\$278 70
Turner Library (interest),	.	.	300 00
Commonwealth Bank tax,	.	.	2,683 69
" State tax,	.	.	685 00
on town orders,	.	.	2,002 75
Balance,	.	.	5,969 76
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			\$11,919 90
January, 1880.			
To cash paid Commonwealth — interest on note of \$7,000,	.	.	\$140 00
Turner Library (dogs),	.	.	258 64
on town orders,	.	.	2,225 71
Balance,	.	.	7,304 06
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			\$9,928 41
February, 1880.			
To cash paid D. H. Huxford,	.	.	\$10 00
on town orders,	.	.	2,714 46
return births, marriages and deaths	.	.	86 20
Balance,	.	.	6,688 70
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			\$9,499 36
March, 1880.			
To cash paid on town orders,	.	.	\$5,087 20
Commonwealth (note),	.	.	5,000 00
" (interest),	.	.	450 00
Randolph Savings Bank (interest),	.	.	300 00
E. Moulton (interest),	.	.	54 00
P. McMahon (interest),	.	.	204 00
E. M. Roel (tax, 1879),	.	.	16 56
C. A. Wales (repairs Adams' estate),	.	.	1 25
Town Treasurer (salary),	.	.	100 00
Town Treasurer (expense account),	.	.	52 62
Balance,	.	.	\$4,825 19
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			\$16,090 82

CHARLES C. FARNHAM, TREASURER.

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October, 1879.		
By cash balance,		\$603 95
E. M. Roel (tax),		18,882 62
dividend Randolph Bank stock,		80 00
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		\$19,566 57
November, 1879.		
By cash balance,		\$4,033 32
E. M. Roel (tax, 1879),		1,331 89
town of Pembroke,		34 00
town of South Abington,		7 00
Almshouse,		231 75
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		\$5,637 96
December, 1879.		
By cash balance,		\$528 21
from E. M. Roel (tax, 1879),		1,013 62
Commonwealth,		
corporation tax,		1,901 53
National Bank tax,		3,054 16
State aid,		2,137 00
indigent soldiers and sailors,		2,975 43
town of Duxbury,		31 25
dog licenses, 1879,		278 70
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		\$11,919 90
January, 1880.		
By cash balance,		\$5,969 76
from E. M. Roel (tax, 1879),		3,419 25
for rent of Ponkapoag pond,		1 00
from Almshouse,		62 62
Commonwealth (school fund),		217 14
County Treasurer (dogs),		258 64
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		\$9,928 41
February, 1880.		
By cash balance,		\$7,304 06
from E. M. Roel (tax, 1879),		1,756 18
School Committee,		373 12
town of Hanover,		20 00
town farm,		16 00
Selectmen (salt marsh),		28 00
H. B. Alden (tax, of 1874),		2 00
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		\$9,499 36
March, 1880.		
By cash balance,		\$6,688 70
rent of Adams' estate,		55 00
E. M. Roel (tax, 1879),		2,615 50
County (South st.),		197 50
town of Holbrook,		1,367 77
board of W. Morrisey,		60 00
bills refunded,		62 10
rent of Fearless Engine-house,		9 75
(loan) Randolph National Bank,		5,000 00
state aid overdrawn,		34 50
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		\$16,090 82

The Auditors of the Town of Randolph, for the current fiscal year, have attended to their duties, and find the accounts of the Town Treasurer correct, each item being accompanied by its corresponding voucher.

V. H. DEANE,
HALE S. HOWARD,
FRANK MORTON,
Town Auditors.

RANDOLPH, Mass., March 18, 1880.

STATE OF THE TREASURY MARCH 18, 1880.

DR.

2 notes to Commonwealth (\$5,000 each),	\$10,000 00
1 note to Commonwealth,	7,000 00
1 " Randolph National Bank,	5,000 00
1 " " Savings Bank,	5,000 00
1 " Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
6 notes to Patrick McMahon,	3,400 00
1 note to Lemuel Wentworth,	1,600 00
1 " Ebenezer Moulton,	900 00
1 " Lucy A. Wilbur,	500 00
1 " George H. Nichols,	200 00
1 " Jephtha Howard,	2,000 00
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	\$40,600 00
Estimated amount of interest unpaid,	238 00
" " bills unpaid,	300 00
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Present town debt,	\$41,138 00

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Coddington Fund. — Randolph National Bank stock (8 shares),	\$1,600 00
" " Quincy salt marsh,	500 00
Due from E. M. Roel (on tax of 1879),	2,363 55
other towns and state,	860 60
R. Adams (note and interest),	898 84
Town Treasurer (cash balance),	4,825 19
School Committee,	308 51
for board of persons at Almshouse,	80 00
state aid due,	4,000 00
" " (act of 1879),	279 55
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Total,	\$15,716 24

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. FARNHAM,

Town Treasurer.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, in accordance with their duty, beg leave to present their annual Report. The securities are certificates of bank stocks, the list of which is identical with the one presented to your notice for a number of years, there having been seen no change in the same, as investments, that could result beneficially to the interest of the fund.

10 shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10 "	Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Hide and Leather National Bank, Boston	
	(par),	1,000
10 "	Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston	
	(par),	1,000
10 "	Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20 "	Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13 "	Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13 "	Randolph National Bank, Randolph	
	(par),	1,300
		\$10,600

The financial account annexed, gives a full exhibit of all receipts and expenditures for the year, rendering further comment by us upon the subject unnecessary, as everything of interest involved in the matter will be clearly understood and appreciated thereby.

As there are no reasons at present for expecting an increased income from the investments the ensuing year, or a material lessening of the expenditure necessary for the maintenance of the school during the same, the town is respectfully requested to appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to the end that no lack of funds may be allowed to embarrass the trustees in their efforts to carry on the school upon the plan and basis agreed upon, when it assumed the characteristics and duties of a High School.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

At the annual commencement of the school, March 24, 1879, under the charge of Mr. V. H. Deane, principal, and Miss Augusta Bunker, assistant, there were forty applicants for admission examined, twenty-six of whom, fifteen girls and eleven boys, being found qualified were admitted, making the whole number in the school at the commencement, fifty-nine. The average number of pupils in attendance during the year is $50\frac{2}{3}$, and the number of weeks that the school has been in session, thirty-nine. The trustees have no essential change to report in the standing of the school from the elevated position which it has been their pleasure to report it as occupying in the past, considering its former record fully sustained at its annual examination on March 5, 1880, on which occasion, while the exercises were all very

creditable to the pupils, and teachers as well, the members of the graduating class acquitted themselves in a manner highly complimentary, doing them much honor, and making it manifest that a great deal had been accomplished as reward for their patient labor in their long course of study. The examination was given in the presence of the trustees, patrons of the school, and many citizens who were gratified at its results. The graduating class consisted of the following-named pupils :—

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Annie E. Pryor.	Mary E. Heney.
Mary J. Gibbons.	Harriet E. Ormsby.
Lucy B. McCarthy.	Edward H. McMahon.

The school for the ensuing year will commence on Monday, April 5, next, at 9 o'clock A.M., when applicants for admission will be examined at the school-rooms.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,
DANIEL HOWARD,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

RANDOLPH, March 22, 1880.

DR.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN ACCOUNT

April, 1879.									
To Exchange National Bank, dividend,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$30 00
Tremont	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Webster	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Boylston	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Old Boston	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Eliot	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65 00
Randolph	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	32 50
Shawmut	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	<u>32 50</u>
									\$247 50
October, 1879.									
To Exchange National Bank, dividend,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$30 00
Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Shoe and Leather	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
Boylston	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Eliot	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Webster	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Tremont	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
Old Boston	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Randolph	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	65 00
Shawmut	"	"	"	.	.	.	.	.	<u>32 50</u>
									\$277 50
To town appropriation,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,250 00
Receipts from hall,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	282 62
State tax on bank stocks, refunded,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	148 29
Balance against the fund, and due S. Turner,	<u>224 10</u>

\$2,430

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1879.	
March.	
By balance against the fund and due S. Turner,	\$263 57
April.	
By paying Colin Boyd's bill, care of room and supplies,	17 51
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	33 82
Miss Bunker's bill, March 22 to April 19,	52 64
" " April 19 to May 17,	52 64
May.	
By paying E. A. Perry's bill, labor and material,	5 87
June.	
By paying Miss Bunker's bill, May 17 to June 14,	52 64
June 27.	
By paying Miss Bunker's bill, balance to date,	13 08
V. H. Deane's bill, salary 3 months to July 1,	300 00
" " sundries,	12 25
June 30.	
By paying Colin Boyd's bill, care of room and sundries,	23 15
July 15.	
By paying H. Hybennet's bill, painting, &c.,	177 22
September 30.	
By paying V. H. Deane's bill, 3 months' salary,	300 00
October 1.	
By paying Miss Bunker's bill, July 1 to October 1,	125 00
F. A. Stanley's bill, labor and material,	3 00
October 17.	
By paying R. W. Turner & Co.'s bill, coal,	43 88
October 23.	
By paying T. Fardy's bill,	50
October 27.	
By paying Wm. H. Smith's bill, charcoal,	18 00
November 21.	
By paying Colin Boyd's bill, labor and sundries,	16 66
December 31.	
By paying V. H. Deane's bill, salary,	300 00
1880.	
January 1.	
By paying Miss Bunker's bill, salary,	125 00
February.	
By paying J. B. Thayer's bill, labor and material,	5 30
March 5.	
By paying Colin Boyd's bill, labor and sundries,	19 16
March 4.	
By paying Chas. A. Wales' bill, labor and sundries,	14 04
March 10.	
By paying J. S. Wilder's bill, for tuning organ,	3 50
D. B. White & Co.'s bill, sundries to date,	6 58
March 15.	
By paying Miss Bunker's bill, salary,	125 00
Trustees' and Secretary's services, one year,	20 00
V. H. Deane's salary, three months,	300 00
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	\$2,430 01

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The balance against the fund, two hundred and twenty-four and ten one-hundredths dollars. The investments remain the same as last year, in the bank stock reported by the Trustees, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the Secretary, Hon. Seth Turner.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 22, 1880.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1879-80.

SETH TURNER, *President.*

J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

Rev. JOHN C. LABAREE.

Rev. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

JOHN T. FLOOD, JAMES A. TOWER, DANIEL HOWARD,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex-officiis.

JOHN V. BEAL, BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, NATHANIEL
HOWARD, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN B. THAYER,
J. WINSOR PRATT.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant.

Miss MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The By-Laws of the "Turner Free Library" require this the Fourth Annual Report, made for the information of the town by the President, in behalf of the Trustees. As indicated a year since, the pages will relate to matters transpiring during the year 1879, adding, perhaps, for more full information any items of interest occurring since 1880 opened.

TRUST.

No change has taken place under this head, the various committees having charge as provided of their different and respective trusts. The Finance Committee report the Fund as before, to be the note of the town, bearing interest at six per centum per annum for \$5000, and in the custody of the Treasurer.

THE BUILDING.

The Committee on the Building offer no suggestions to the Trustees, and indicate no unusual outlay, although the ordinary repairs require constant attention.

LIBRARY.

Under this head, which is the one of vital interest to the public as well as to the Trustees, the full semi-annual reports of the Librarian are condensed, showing the actual workings of the Library.

Number of days opened to the public, . . .	309
Volumes issued during the year, . . .	23,470
Average daily issue for first half year, . . .	87
Average daily issue for last half year, . . .	66
Number of volumes, January 1, 1879, . . .	6,115
Number of volumes, January 1, 1880, . . .	6,679
Additions for the year,	564
Largest daily issue, March 29,	272
Smallest daily issue, January 2,	3
Average daily issue for first half year, . . .	87
Average daily issue for last half year, . . .	66
Number of cards in use, July 1,	1,886
Number of cards in use, January 1,	1,955

The foregoing figures indicate some diminution in the number of books taken from the Library, a fact most satisfactorily explained in the words of the Librarian, that many books were returned to the Library preparatory to the supposed usual examination in December (now changed by Trustee's vote to the summer period) ; and more pleasantly in his language that, "Our patrons to a considerable extent are not now engaged in rapid exchange of fiction but in the more tedious, yet wholesome, duty of studying better works, thus retaining the books drawn for much longer periods of time."

It is pleasant to feel that the taste of readers is improved as evidenced by the Librarian, and the earnest desire and efforts of the Trustees meet with hearty responses from the public. While not forgetting the desire for what is called "popular reading," and measurably catering to that sentiment, it is hoped that a fair proportion of the yearly addi-

tions to the shelves will contain solid and substantial matter that will be in constant demand and justify the re-reading by our patrons of the present and future. A card catalogue is being prepared by Doctor Farnham, which when completed promises great utility and convenience. A careful inspection of the books of the Library has been made by the Committee, and testimony is here borne to the excellent condition in which it is found, bearing renewed evidence of the care exercised by both Doctor Farnham and his assistant Miss Boyd. The Trustees have heretofore complained of what appeared to be the exceptionally hard usage made of the books by the public and compared our citizens somewhat unfavorably with those of other sections of the State. They are now cheerful in their testimony to a marked improvement exercised by the takers in their treatment of the volumes of the Library, and credit patrons favorably when contrasting with the treatment shown in many other libraries. It should never be forgotten that the abuse of books diminishes the funds otherwise used in accessions when exhausted in repairs and substitutions.

FUNDS.

The Treasurer's account, accompanying, offers to the Town a summary of the year's work, varying little from the situation of 1878. The income it should be remembered accrues largely as before late in the year, while expenditures are being made in advance of receipts from income and appropriation, and the balance on hand to be rapidly reduced by current bills. The By-Laws require the President to offer to the Town estimates of receipts and expenses : —

The figures are a repetition of the last year ;		
viz., from rents,	. . . . .	\$600 00
Interest on permanent fund (Randolph note), .		300 00
And they request appropriation of the "dog		
money," estimated as,	. . . . .	300 00
And also the usual appropriation of	. .	500 00
Total,		<hr/> \$1,700 00

THE ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

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To balance of last year's account in Bank, . . .	\$1,073 69
Cash of Town "Dog money,"	279 97
for rents,	600 00
Librarian, for fines and catalogues, . . .	43 30
Banks, for heat and light,	80 00
Parish, for light,	35 00
of S. & R. W. Turner, for light,	100 00
Town of Randolph, interest,	300 00
" " appropriation,	500 00
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	\$3,011 96

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By amount paid for repairs and improvements, . . .	\$69 48
for janitor,	129 95
for books, magazines, papers, &c., . . .	746 74
for fuel,	132 50
for light,	144 79
librarian,	500 00
for supplies,	9 44
for postage,	50
for insurance,	218 75
for expressing,	29 40
for printing,	20 00
Balance deposited in Bank,	1,010 41
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	\$3,011 96

The auditors, Messrs. James H. Tower, Nath'l Howard and John V. Beal, verify the foregoing account, and the treasurer holds the note of the Town of Randolph for \$5000.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH TURNER,

President Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 11, 1880.

BIRTHS.

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1879.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan.	11,	Margaret Twoomey, . . .	Daniel and Mary (Meany).
	18,	Helen E. White, . . .	Daniel B. and Flora A. (Belcher).
	20,	James E. Sanderson, . . .	Thomas H. and Mary A. (Treanor).
Feb.	24,	Bertram W. Chessman, . . .	S. Alphonzo and Etta E. (Wilbur).
	6,	John Mahoney, . . .	Bartholomew and Mary (Butler).
	7,	Nettie E. English, . . .	Thomas F. and Fanny E. (Hogan).
	11,	Nellie Meaney, . . .	James H. and Mary (Carroll).
	11,	Mary Megley, . . .	James and Ellen A. (Megley).
March	20,	Mabel B. Mann, . . .	Seth W. and Emma A. (Fritz).
	6,	Elmer B. Holbrook, . . .	Morton and Merlinda C. (Hollis).
	8,	Augustus E. Forrest, . . .	Augustus and Margaret (Reynolds).
	14,	Albert E. Packard, . . .	Barnaby A. and Myra E. (Dean).
	14,	Roger A. Davenport, . . .	Charles F. and Flora E. (Otis).
	18,	Charles G. Nightingale, . . .	Andrew C. and Albina G. (Peterson).
	21,	Charlotte Kindred, . . .	William and Katie A. (Kindred).
April	24,	— Paine, . . .	George A. and Emma C. (Chessman).
	26,	Helen Dexter, . . .	George and Ellen (O'Keefe).
	1,	Susan Soule, . . .	Cady and Mary J. (Meyers).
	2,	— Tirrell, . . .	Augustus L. and Sarah J. (Poole).
	4,	Joseph E. Perry, . . .	Edward A. and Martha E. (Turner).
May	11,	Wesley C. Fowler, . . .	Frederick and Lucy A. (Lowell).
	18,	Eugene McCarthy, . . .	Jeremiah and Honora (Sweeney).
	24,	Charles L. Hogan, . . .	Michael and Annie M. (Driscoll).
	3,	James J. Hurley, . . .	William W. and Katie J. (Hogan).
	4,	William Boyle, . . .	John C. and Margaret (Farley).
	6,	Mary Riley, . . .	Luke and Mary E. (Riley).
	12,	Frank C. Walsh, . . .	Wesley W. and Mary J. (Thayer).
June	15,	Henry Woodman, . . .	Stillman B. and Louisa (Thompson).
	17,	Margaret Dumphy, . . .	Michael P. and Elizabeth (Donohue).
	22,	Mary E. Taylor, . . .	Franklin and Mary (DeNeil).
	22,	Charles O'Reilly, . . .	James and Margaret (Brady).
	23,	— Corliss, . . .	Simon B. and Susan (Kingsbury).
	26,	Hattie I. Stetson, . . .	Elbridge G. and Mary E. (Ainsley).
	31,	Bertha L. Frame, . . .	William and Almira L. (Bump).
	2,	Ellen A. Mackedon, . . .	Michael and Mary (Gallagher).
July	4,	Edson N. Roel, . . .	Charles A. and Jennie —
	4,	Nellie Barry, . . .	William C. and Mary (Meaney).
	6,	William P. Sullivan, . . .	Florence and Alice (Brennan).
	12,	Ethel L. Ainsley, . . .	William H. and Hannah I. (Stetson).
	17,	Charles E. Glover, . . .	Ira E. and Sarah J. (Eddy).
	28,	Mary A. O'Brien, . . .	William P. and Johanna (Barry).
	2,	Gordon R. Thayer, . . .	Gustavus and Mary E. (Freeman).
	22,	John F. Curran, . . .	John M. and Elisabeth A. (Lyons).
Aug.	23,	Charles W. Martin, . . .	Wilbur F. and Lydia A. (Partridge).
	27,	James M. Malley, . . .	Crohan and Johanna (Lee).
	29,	Mary C. Dennehy, . . .	William F. and Elisabeth A. (Kiley).
	30,	Ellen G. Sullivan, . . .	John F. and Sarah E. (Bennison).
	31,	Margaret E. Mahoney, . . .	Patrick and Ellen F. (Pope).
	1,	J. Ovilla Lomby, . . .	Peter and Philomena (Lomby).
	3,	Jennie L. Delano, . . .	Emory A. and Jennie R. (Adams).

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Aug. 4,	Lewis Boyle,	John A. and Mary (Dennehy).
6,	Nellie Sullivan,	Daniel and Ann (Madagan).
9,	Walter L. Hickey,	Hugh and Rosina (Jones).
21,	Emma M. Elliot,	Daniel A. (Jr.) and Emma (Dillon).
26,	Thomas F. Uniack,	Richard (2d) and Elizabeth J. (Cahill).
31,	Victor A. Cornish,	James and Emma (Williams).
31,	— Jones,	James M. and Sarah M. (Whitten).
Sept. 7,	— Poole,	Everett A. and Martha A. (Holbrook).
9,	Flossie P. Holbrook,	Martin G. and Ida M. (Hollis).
10,	Elisha F. White,	Lawrence J. and Melissa (Spear).
16,	Louis V. Deane,	Clarence H. and Annie A. (Morgan).
17,	John Purcell,	Thomas and Susan E. (Wren).
18,	— Riley,	James and Margaret T. (Riley).
22,	John Cannery,	Edward and Julia (Cannery).
24,	Allen H. Alden,	Albert M. and Phoebe H. (Thayer).
29,	— Blanchard,	Frank W. and Emeline W. (Broad).
Oct. 7,	Joseph D. Wales,	Henry James and Alma B. (Corliss).
12,	Charles Heney,	Charles (Jr.) and Mary A. (Welch).
13,	Mary F. McMahon,	Peter and Kate (Bracken).
18,	William H. Curran,	Edward P. and Sarah J. (Hayes).
24,	Ellen Moore,	Bernard and Hannah (Dooley).
28,	Ada M. Allen,	Samuel A. and Abba D. (Stetson).
Nov. 8,	Bertha B. Winslow,	Bartlett A. and Lizzie C. (Esterbrook).
11,	Jennie M. McLaughlin,	Michael J. and Jane (McIvor).
13,	Eva Raymond,	George F. and Nellie (Sigourney).
13,	— Poole,	John H. and Sarah A. (Wentworth).
16,	Edward Stratton Deane,	Frank N. and Leila M. (Miles).
22,	Fred L. Chandler,	Frederic P. and Annie M. (Cahill).
27,	Lee Hammond Porter,	Franklin and Eliza R. (Woodman).
27,	— Knight,	Edwin F. and Lucinda F. (Wood).
28,	Elizabeth Bracken,	Edward and Elizabeth (Quinn).
30,	Chester L. Paine,	Lewis S. and Marion A. (Dyer).
Dec. 1,	Jeremiah Donovan,	Joseph and Margaret E. (McMahon).
2,	— Bagnall,	Charles D. and Mary L. (Belcher).
7,	John F. Curran,	Thomas S. and Mary F. (Riley).
8,	Clara L. Bradford,	Albert E. and Louisa H. (Hall).
10,	— Latham,	Charles W. and Jane E. (Howard).
11,	Grace W. Cole,	Charles H. and Fannie H. (Cole).
13,	Thomas F. Carroll,	William and Margaret A. (Driscoll).
26,	Albert C. Wilde,	Charles H. and Ellen F. (May).
27,	Frederick I. Jones,	Albridge and Mary A. (Mann).

SUMMARY.

Males,	49
Females,	42
Total,	91

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1879.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan. 9,	Nathan A. Tolman, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Randolph, . . .	55
	Aralinda Leighton, . . .	Millbridge, Me., . .	Millbridge, . . .	36
13,	Charles D. Bagnell, . . .	Chelsea, . . .	New York city, . .	27
	Mary L. Belcher, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	20
Feb. 15,	John L. Wood, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Randolph, . . .	20
	Sarah Jane Howard, . . .	Braintree, . . .	" . . .	17
18,	Thomas Sylvester Curran, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	29
	Mary Frances Riley, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	22
22,	John Ring, . . .	Cork Co., Ireland, . .	Randolph, . . .	32
	Honora Lyons, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	28
26,	John T. Stanley, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	21
	Clary L. Deane, . . .	" . . .	Holbrook, . . .	20
Mar. 5,	Clarence Eben Bean, . . .	South Weymouth, . .	Holbrook, . . .	24
	Lydia Estelle Abbott, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	19
12,	John H. Poole, . . .	Brockton, . . .	Randolph, . . .	21
	Sarah A. Wentworth, . . .	Canton, . . .	" . . .	18
22,	George M. Johnson, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	33
	Hannah C. Burrell, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	19
26,	Eli Eddy, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	25
	Ella A. Bridge, . . .	Yarmouth, N.S., . .	" . . .	18
Apr. 16,	Frank M. Beal, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	25
	Annie W. Belcher, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	20
25,	Samuel Cote, . . .	Holbrook, . . .	Holbrook, . . .	21
	Sarah Harlow, . . .	Richmond, Me., . .	Richmond, . . .	21
27,	John H. Jones, . . .	South Scituate, . .	South Scituate, . .	63
	M'y A. Weatherbee (Ward), . . .	Belmont, Me., . .	" . . .	41
May 1,	Thomas David Barry, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	19
	Frances M. Hogan, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	17
1,	Lewis W. Cushman, . . .	Sumner, Me., . .	Randolph, . . .	24
	Mary J. Eddy, . . .	Randolph, . . .	" . . .	20
June 19,	Horatio B. Alden, Jr., . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	24
	Mary Ellen Mann, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	19
July 3,	William F. McGaughey, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Trenton, N.J., . .	27
	Mary E. Powderly, . . .	" . . .	Randolph, . . .	25
16,	Michael Devine, . . .	Boston, . . .	Randolph, . . .	27
	Margaret White, . . .	Randolph, . . .	" . . .	24

MARRIAGES IN 1879 — CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAMES.	BIRTHPLACE.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Aug. 6,	George E. Mann, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	18
	Alice A. Goldthwait, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	19
Sept. 15,	Isaac Lafou, . . .	DeBail, Ca., . . .	Holbrook, . . .	54
	Lydia Morrison, . . .	Tryon Rives, N.S., . . .	" . . .	47
25,	James H. Garrity, . . .	Boston, . . .	Randolph, . . .	31
	Mary J. Barry, . . .	Milford, . . .	" . . .	26
25,	Thomas F. Lynch, . . .	Ireland, . . .	Randolph, . . .	31
	Alice B. Carey, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Holbrook, . . .	20
30,	John J. Glover, . . .	Quincy, . . .	Holbrook, . . .	30
	Carrie E. Blood, . . .	Randolph, . . .	" . . .	19
Oct. 1,	Daniel O'Neil, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Holbrook, . . .	24
	Alice A. Harris, . . .	" . . .	Randolph, . . .	22
12,	John Henry Glover, . . .	Quincy, . . .	Randolph, . . .	22
	Lillie Maria Stetson, . . .	Randolph, . . .	" . . .	22
15,	Walter H. Lyons, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	20
	Isabella S. Wales, . . .	Braintree, . . .	Braintree, . . .	20
15,	Frederick S. Howard, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	21
	Mary Hannah Alden, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	21
23,	Syria Wales Paine, Jr., . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	20
	Lucy Maria Jones, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	17
Nov. 10,	John J. Brown, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	26
	Annie M. Mackedon, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	24
18,	Joseph R. Hathaway, . . .	E. Bridgewater, . . .	Randolph, . . .	31
	Flora W. Blanchard, . . .	E. Stoughton, . . .	E. Stoughton, . . .	23
20,	Albert F. Wentworth, . . .	Canton, . . .	Randolph, . . .	23
	Nellie M. Bean, . . .	Randolph, . . .	" . . .	19
24,	Lawrence McNulty, . . .	Newport, R.I., . . .	Newport, . . .	25
	Bridget Ellen Brown, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	25
27,	Dennis Kelliher, Jr., . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	27
	Rose H. Riley, . . .	" . . .	" . . .	21
29,	John F. Thomas, . . .	Quincy, . . .	Quincy, . . .	25
	Kate M. Daley, . . .	Randolph, . . .	Randolph, . . .	24
30,	Clement A. Harvey, . . .	Taunton, . . .	Raynham, . . .	23
	Charlotte J. Pye, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	18
30,	Daniel A. Whitten, . . .	Brockton, . . .	Brockton, . . .	24
	Laura A. Fogg, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	Stoughton, . . .	18
Dec. 7,	Warren A. Pickering, . . .	Portsmouth, N.H., . . .	Randolph, . . .	30
	Eliza A. Taunt (Farnum), . . .	Concord, N.H., . . .	" . . .	41
31,	John R. Willard, . . .	Keene, N. H., . . .	Randolph, . . .	24
	Grace F. Wild, . . .	Randolph, . . .	" . . .	17

Total,.....38.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR 1879.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	4, Bessie Stetson,	1	10	24	Pneumonia.
	5, (Infant) Johnson,	-	-	-	Infantile.
	5, Marcella McMahon,	-	6	12	Marasmas.
	8, Bridget McMahon,	85	-	-	Old age.
	9, Leora F. Simpson,	19	6	21	
	11, Avis Justina Johnson,	26	5	4	Pneumonia.
	11, Eliza T. Mann (Tabor),	75	3	5	"
	13, Caroline B. Thayer,	67	1	24	"
	13, Edward Wentworth,	5	4	2	Cere spinal meningitis.
	14, Thomas O'Connor,	5	1	2	Diphtheria.
	15, Carrie L. Taylor,	7	2	15	Brain fever.
	18, Isaac Clark,	59	9	1	Consumption.
	22, S. Augusta Wales,	64	7	1	Pneumonia.
	29, George H. Easton,	-	5	5	Diphtheria.
	30, Patrick Hoye,	20	10	19	Consumption.
Feb.	10, Joshua Spear,	83	1	19	Pneumonia.
	11, Mary Megley,	-	-	1	Asphyxia.
	14, Mary Stetson (Johnson),	57	6	24	Pneumonia.
	22, John Lynch,	34	7	-	Softening of brain.
Mar.	4, Daniel Lyons,	68	-	-	Consumption.
	7, George W. Jones,	70	10	5	Inflammation of stomach.
	15, Annie R. Broad,	41	-	-	Consumption.
	23, Lydia Joy,	74	11	2	Old Age.
	22, Daniel Alden,	87	9	12	"
	24, (Infant) Payne,	-	-	-	Stillborn.
	27, Henry Jones	61	9	-	Consumption.
Apr.	3, Wealtha Whitty,	79	5	17	Hemorrhage of bowels.
	3, William Barry,	65	-	-	Hepatitis.
	4, Mary Quinlin,	34	-	-	Consumption.
	6, Susie M. Gould,	47	4	17	Enteric Fever.
	14, Daniel Garrity,	-	8	22	"
	18, Nettie E. English,	1	2	10	Pneumonia.
	28, Hannah Barry,	30	-	-	Nephritis.
May	3, Eunice Eddy,	86	5	15	Cancer.
	5, Mary E. Clark,	45	2	26	Consumption.
	11, Catherine Curtis,	80	-	-	Diabetes.
	23, John Fitzgerald,	65	7	-	Bronchitis.
	23, (Infant) Corliss,	-	-	-	Stillborn.
June	5, Hannah Estella Spaulding,	21	7	14	Scarlatina.
	10, Esther V. Hoffman,	30	-	17	Consumption.
	16, Susan M. Alden,	60	1	30	Pneumonia.
	26, Bradford Thayer,	62	2	22	Railroad accident.
July	3, Mary Devine,	46	2	8	Apoplexy.
	9, Charles E. Glover,	-	-	22	Convulsions.
	17, George H. Howard,	51	8	4	Cancer.
	25, Esther Thayer,	88	1	18	Mortification.
Aug.	4, Charles G. Nightingale,	-	4	17	Cholera infantum.
	3, (Infant) Baker,	-	-	-	Stillborn.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Aug. 20,	Charles H. Beyett,	1	9	11	Cholera infantum.
20,	Joseph E. Perry,	-	4	16	" "
20,	Charles Hybennett,	1	4	4	" "
26,	Clarence E. Vaugher,	-	1	11	" "
27,	Bertram W. Chessman,	-	7	3	Convulsions.
Sept. 7,	(Infant) Poole,	-	-	-	Still born.
9,	John Whitty,	85	3	24	Diarrhoea.
10,	Catherine Barry,	-	10	2	Hydrocephalus.
15,	Thomas F. Uniack,	-	-	20	Cholera infantum.
17,	Hannah Foster,	79	10	3	Jaundice.
18,	John Purcell, 2d,	-	-	1	Infantile.
Oct. 2,	Isaac T. Spear,	57	-	17	Peritonitis.
3,	Benjamin Brown,	64	3	22	Consumption.
5,	James F. Sheridan,	2	1	-	Diphtheria.
9,	Harriet A. Kennedy,	33	9	6	Nephritis.
12,	Henry C. Howard,	2	-	24	Dysentery.
12,	Jane Sheridan,	15	4	24	Diphtheria.
20,	Mary F. McMahon,	-	-	7	Convulsions.
20,	Bridget Sutton,	55	-	-	Hepatitis.
Nov. 2,	George W. Tabor,	54	2	30	Consumption.
5,	Henry Woodman,	-	4	-	Cancer.
12,	Rosanna R. Thurston,	67	11	18	Railroad accident.
14,	John Barry,	9	-	-	Diphtheritic croup.
14,	Rosanna Lomby,	5	10	-	Scarlatina.
20,	Hiram Wales,	80	3	3	Pneumonia.
20,	Ann Burke,	76	4	-	Consumption.
28,	William Joseph McMahon,	1	3	26	Croup.
Dec. 1,	Enoch P. Town,	73	2	22	Orchitis.
5,	Joanna W. Burrell,	76	6	2	Cancer.
12,	Ernest C. Paine,	24	1	28	Scrofula.
19,	William F. Kennedy,	34	8	-	Accidental shooting.
29,	Mary F. Veasie,	47	7	4	Hanging (suicide).

Total, 80

Males, 37

Females, 43

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Apoplexy; asphyxia; bowels (hemorrhage of); brain fever; brain (softening of); bronchitis; diabetes; diarrhœa; dysentery; hanging; hydrocephalus; jaundice; marasmus; meningitis (cerebro-spinal); mortification; orchitis; peritonitis; scrofula; shooting (accidental); stomach (inflammation of), — one each. Accident (railroad); croup; enteric fever; hepatitis; infantile; nephritis; scarlatina, — two each. Convulsions; old age, — three each. Cancer; diphtheria and still-born, — four each. Cholera infantum, six. Pneumonia, ten. Consumption, twelve.

Under five years of age,	26
Between 5 and 10,	5
10 " 20,	2
20 " 30,	4
30 " 40,	6
40 " 50,	5
50 " 60,	6
60 " 70,	10
70 " 80,	8
80 " 90,	8
Total,	<hr/> 80

I hereby certify that the preceding returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

TO HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the*
Town of Randolph, in said County, GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ART. 1. To chose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To chose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized, and required to chose at their annual meeting. Also a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To see if the town will request the selectmen not to grant or issue any license or licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors during the current year, as petitioned for by Winslow Battles and others, the vote to be taken by ballot.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school building and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 6. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 7. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 8. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to the purchasing of a steam fire-engine as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and the pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take relative to the purchasing of fire-extinguishers, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 14. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles, Post 110.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to build and improve the sidewalk on the north side of Warren street from the land of the Old Colony Railroad Corporation to Main street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to the purchasing of a stone-crusher, as petitioned for by F. Porter and others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will abolish the present highway surveyor system, and elect one surveyor of highways, as petitioned for by F. Porter and others.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in relation to providing a paid police for the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising and making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library; also, to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the ensuing year to the use of said library.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party, or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1880.

ART. 25. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-second day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
JAMES A. TOWER,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: HENRY H. FRANCIS,

Constable of Randolph.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1880-81.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN T. FLOOD. SIDNEY FRENCH. ROYAL T. MANN.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JAMES MOLLOY, Term expires April 1, 1881.
WINSLOW BATTLES, " " " 1, 1882.
GEORGE H. WILKINS, " " " 1, 1883.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

DANIEL HOWARD, Term expires April 1, 1881.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN, " " " 1, 1882.
EDWARD KANE, " " " 1, 1883.

Auditors.

ROYAL W. TURNER. CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.
JAMES BURKE, JR.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL. E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.
FRANK J. DONOHUE. FRANCIS A. STANLEY.
HENRY H. SHEDD. HENRY H. FRANCIS.

Fence Viewers.

RICHARD STEVENS. EPHRAIM MANN. ADAM F. JONES.

Engineers of Fire Department.

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Chief Engineer.* CHARLES A. WALES, *Clerk.*
LEVI WILBUR. LOUIS GOERES.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-Up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

NEWALL S. ATWOOD, JONATHAN WALES,
of Stoughton. of Randolph.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Randolph, in accordance with their duty, respectfully submit the annual report of appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1881.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,500 00
Stetson High School,	1,250 00
repairs of highways,	4,000 00
general town expenses,	8,000 00
reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
fire department,	3,350 00
Turner Free Library,	500 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
County tax,	1,582 29
State tax,	2,055 00
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Total,	\$34,337 29

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1880.

Real estate,	\$1,469,550 00
Personal estate,	609,490 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	278,511 76
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	166,438 32
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Total valuation,	\$2,523,990 08

Rate of taxation May 1, 1880, \$14 on \$1000.

Average rate in the State May 1, 1880, \$15.35 on \$1000.

Number of polls, May 1, 1880,	1,220
of dwellings, May 1, 1880,	766
of horses, "	339
of cows, "	242
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1880, . .	5,801½

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1881.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$10,500 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses, and lock-up, . .	4,200 00
One fire engine, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	1,725 00
Steam fire engine and apparatus,	5,200 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh,	600 00
School-house and land, District No 1, . .	2,000 00
School-house and land, " 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, " 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, " 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, " 5,	1,200 00
School-house and land, " 6,	1,650 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank, .	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner Free Library and land,	40,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Total,	\$135,415 00

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills by direction of School Committee, for financial year ending March 1, 1881. For items see report of School Committee.

sundry persons for teaching, . . .	\$6,679 20
" " for fuel, . . .	348 35
" " for care of rooms, . . .	467 03
miscellaneous expenses, . . .	1,297 03

Total,	\$8,791 61
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Paid appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,250 00
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Total,	\$10,041 61
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APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$8,500 00
Town appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,250 00
State School Fund,	173 43
Coddington Fund,	100 00

Total,	\$10,023 43
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Included in the expenditures for schools, is cash refunded to the Treasurer of the town

for books sold,	\$432 29
Stock of books on hand,	103 44
Uncollected bills,	100 00

Total,	\$635 73
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Expenditures less than appropriation,	617,55
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The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$36,506 16.

On account of schools, teaching, fuel, and care

of rooms,	7,494 58
of repairs and incidentals,	1,297 03

On account of Stetson High School, . . .	\$1,250 00
of highways,	4,346 34
of Mill Street widening,	285 00
of removing snow,	288 28
of funeral expenses,	232 50
of State aid,	2,166 25
of State aid (under law of 1879),	1,738 89
of fire department,	3,173 24
of abatement of taxes,	455 70
of town officers,	1,523 62
of miscellaneous expenses,	2,391 11
of poor in almshouse,	2,344 95
of poor out of almshouse,	4,280 58
of poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook (Military),	1,773 82
of poor of other towns,	1,069 33
of State paupers and tramps,	394 94
Total,	<hr/> \$36,506 16

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs under the direction of Surveyors.

DISTRICT NO. 1, ISAAC N. LINFIELD, *Surveyor.*

Paid Isaac N. Linfield, team-work, 25 days,	\$100 00
John Wales, " 10 "	35 00
Lawrence Jones, " $2\frac{7}{10}$ "	9 45
Bernard O'Flaherty, labor $11\frac{3}{5}$ days,	22 05
Francis W. Blanchard, " $14\frac{1}{2}$ "	25 37
William Broad, " 9 "	15 75
Michael O'Keefe, " $8\frac{1}{2}$ "	14 87
Thomas Duff, " $7\frac{3}{10}$ "	13 52
Walter A. Jones, " 7 "	12 25

James Lyons, for labor,	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$13 12
Lewis Jones,	" 6 "	10 50
John Desmond,	" 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	7 88
Timothy Sullivan,	" 5 "	8 75
Thomas Preyor,	" 3 "	5 25
Joseph Maher,	" 3 "	5 25
Emory Glover,	" 1 "	1 75
Matthew Graham,	" 1 "	1 75
John Wales,	" $\frac{1}{4}$ "	50
Ebenezer Alden, for 153 loads of gravel,		15 44
John Wales, " 128 "		10 24
Isaac N. Linfield, repairing tools,		1 20
Total,		<hr/> \$329 89
Cr. By Loam sold,		4 00
Total,		<hr/> \$325 89

DISTRICT NO. 3, JAMES RILEY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, 2 horses,	\$128 00
Royal T. Mann, " 1 " 2 "	5 00
Martin T. Pike, " 1 " 2 "	5 00
James Riley, for labor, 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ days,	45 20
Michael Calaghan, " 19 "	33 39
Patrick Flood, " 18 "	31 52
Thomas Johnston, " 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	25 38
John O'Keefe, " 6 $\frac{1}{5}$ "	10 86
Ansel Mann, " 6 $\frac{1}{10}$ "	10 68
Andrew Tracey, " 5 "	8 75
Erwin Ford, " 5 "	8 76
John Gill, " 4 "	7 00
Patrick Barry, " 3 $\frac{2}{5}$ "	6 30
Andrew Nightingale, " 3 $\frac{4}{5}$ "	6 74
Thomas Duff, " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	4 38

Jonathan Hunt, for labor, 1 day,		\$1 25
Moses Mann, " 1 "		1 00
Jedediah French, " 1 "		2 00
Thomas Whalin, " 1 "		1 75
Lewis Jones, " 1 "		1 75
George Burrill, " 1 "		1 75
Royal T. Mann, "		75
Joshua Spear Estate, for 123 loads of gravel,		12 30
Jonathan Mann, " 198 " "		19 80
Ansel Mann, " 93 " "		9 30
Josiah Clark, " 93 " "		9 30
George B. Goodrich, for drain pipe,		7 56
Mary Campbell, for repairs,		1 35
Total,		<hr/> \$406 82

DISTRICT NO. 5, MARTIN L. EDDY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Rufus A. Thayer, team-work, $7\frac{1}{3}$ days,		\$25 50'
Martin P. Pike, " 5 "		17 50
Francis Stetson, " 5 "		17 50
George Kennedy, " 1 "		3 50
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $18\frac{2}{5}$ "		36 82
Sylvanus Thayer, " $17\frac{9}{10}$ "		31 32
Benjamin Nightingale, " $8\frac{1}{2}$ "		14 87
Alva M. Nightingale, " $5\frac{1}{2}$ "		9 62
Roswell Eddy, " $6\frac{7}{10}$ "		11 72
Lewis Jones, " 4 "		7 00
Jedediah French, " $\frac{1}{2}$ "		88
Amasa Clark, for 210 loads of gravel,		16 80
Martin L. Eddy, " 144 " "		11 52
Total,		<hr/> \$204 55

DISTRICT NO. 6, WILLIAM WHITE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, 4 days, 2 horses,		\$20 00
William White. Jr., "	19½ "	58 50
James Carroll, "	2 "	6 00
John Kiley, "	2 "	6 00
Robert McAuliffe, "	1½ "	4 50
James Irwin, "	1½ "	4 50
Adam F. Jones, "	1 "	4 00
William White, for labor, 29	"	47 75
James Sutton, "	12½ "	19 50
James Blythe, "	9½ "	15 00
James Barry, "	7½ "	10 50
William C. Barry, "	5½ "	8 25
Lawrence Ormsby, "	5 "	7 75
Joseph Crosby, "	4½ "	6 75
William Barry, "	4 "	6 00
William Shields, "	3½ "	5 25
Frederick Miller, "	3 "	4 50
James Keenan, "	6 "	9 00
Jedediah French, "	3½ "	7 00
Thomas Whalin, "	4 "	6 99
George Burrill, "	3½ "	6 12
Lewis Jones, "	3½ "	6 12
Edmund White, "	3½ "	5 25
Timothy Shea, "	3 "	4 50
Patrick Welsh, "	2 "	3 50
William White, Jr., "	2½ "	3 75
Davis White, "	2 "	3 00
Patrick Crosby, "	2 "	3 00
Patrick Barry, "	2 "	3 00
Peter Sutton, "	1 "	1 50
Michael Lagan, "	2¾ "	4 50
Owen Nary, "	2 "	3 00

Paid John L. Manning, for 78 loads of gravel,	\$3 90
Frederick Chandler, for 31 " "	1 55
William White, for hedge stones,	3 00
William Campbell, for repairing tools,	60
Total, 	<hr/> \$314 03

DISTRICT NO. 7, THOMAS GOOD, *Surveyor*.

Paid David Good, team-work, $7\frac{3}{4}$ days,	\$27 12
Thomas Good, " $\frac{3}{10}$ "	1 05
" " for labor, $9\frac{1}{20}$ days,	15 84
James G. Hurley, " $7\frac{3}{4}$ "	13 56
Michael O'Keefe, " $7\frac{3}{4}$ "	13 56
James Lyons, " $7\frac{3}{4}$ "	13 56
James Harris, " $7\frac{1}{4}$ "	12 68
Joseph Maher, " $1\frac{1}{5}$ "	2 00
Martin P. Pike, " . . .	3 00
H. F. Libby, " . . .	1 55
Thomas Whalin, " . . .	50
Ebenezer Alden, for 48 loads of gravel,	3 84
Daniel Elliott, " 25 " "	2 00
Total, 	<hr/> \$110 26

DISTRICT NO. 8, THOMAS MORAN, *Surveyor*.

Paid Thomas Moran, team-work, $39\frac{1}{4}$ days,	\$157 00
Albert McAuliffe, " 5 "	17 50
Dennis Kelliher, " $4\frac{7}{10}$ "	16 45
Martin P. Pike, " $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2 75
Dennis Sullivan, for labor, $34\frac{3}{5}$ days,	60 53
Patrick Barry, " $15\frac{7}{10}$ "	27 82
Michael O'Keefe, " 7 "	12 25
Dennis Kelliher, " $6\frac{2}{5}$ "	11 20
Thomas Duff, " $6\frac{1}{2}$ "	10 50

Paid David A'Hern, for labor,	5½ days,	\$9 62
Robert McAuliffe, "	5½ "	9 63
Michael Sheridan, "	6 $\frac{7}{10}$ "	11 72
Thomas Ward, "	5½ "	9 62
Christopher Ward, "	5½ "	9 62
James Blythe, "	4 $\frac{7}{10}$ "	8 52
Michael Lagan, "	4 $\frac{7}{10}$ "	8 52
Burt Farnum, "	4 "	7 00
Frederick Miller, "	4 $\frac{7}{10}$ "	5 60
Edmund Burke, "	3 "	5 25
William Shields, "	2 "	3 50
Jedediah French, "	1 "	2 00
Matthew Graham, "	1 "	1 75
James Googan, "	1 "	1 75
John Desmond, "	1 "	1 75
Thomas Moran, "	1 $\frac{3}{5}$ "	3 40
Martin P. Pike, "		1 50
Daniel Kiley, "		1 00
John Dunphy, "		50
Bradford L. Wales, for 542 loads of gravel,		54 20
Daniel Kiley, " 153 "		15 30
Daniel Kelliher, " 28 "		3 36
Total,		\$491 11

DISTRICT NO. 10, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work,	20½ days,	\$108 37
Josiah Clark, "	5 "	28 50
Ephraim Mann, "	1 "	4 00
Jedediah French, for labor,	17 $\frac{7}{10}$ days,	35 40
Thomas Whalen, "	20 $\frac{3}{5}$ "	36 05
Lewis Jones, "	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	32 37
Walter A. Jones, "	18 $\frac{1}{5}$ "	31 85

Paid John Desmond,	for labor, 18	days,	\$31 50
Thomas Duff,	" 13	"	22 75
Matthew Graham,	" $11\frac{1}{5}$	"	19 60
George B. Dench,	" 10	"	17 50
William Cunningham	" 9	"	15 75
Patrick Feeney,	" 9	"	15 75
Emory Glover,	" $8\frac{1}{2}$	"	14 87
George Lovering,	" $2\frac{7}{10}$	"	4 44
Daniel Kiley,	" 1	"	2 00
Patrick Barry,	" 1	"	1 75
Morrison M. Alden,	for material,		1 50
Daniel Kiley,	for 248 loads of gravel,		24 80
Aaron H. Prescott,	for 247 loads of gravel,		24 67
Total,			<hr/> \$473 42

NORTH STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P.
PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike,	team-work, $44\frac{7}{10}$ days,	2 horses,	\$234 67
Manus Gallagher,	" $4\frac{1}{5}$	"	14 70
Jedediah French,	for labor, $44\frac{7}{10}$ days,		89 40
Daniel Kiley,	" $41\frac{3}{5}$	"	83 20
John Desmond,	" $44\frac{7}{10}$	"	78 22
Matthew Graham,	" $43\frac{1}{5}$	"	75 60
Thomas Duff,	" $42\frac{7}{10}$	"	74 72
Lewis Jones,	" $40\frac{7}{10}$	"	71 22
James Googan,	" $37\frac{1}{5}$	"	65 10
J. H. Glover,	" $38\frac{1}{5}$	"	66 85
Walter A. Jones,	" $42\frac{7}{10}$	"	63 35
John Lynch,	" 26	"	58 95
Thomas Whalin,	" $27\frac{7}{10}$	"	48 47
George B. Dench,	" $26\frac{7}{10}$	"	46 72
W. Stuart,	" $24\frac{7}{10}$	"	43 22
C. Holbrook,	" 10	"	17 50

Paid Arthur W. Austin, for 633 loads of gravel,	\$63 30
Arthur W. Austin, for stone, . . .	5 00
George B. Goodrich, for drain pipe . .	28 29
J. B. Rhines, for lumber,	20 80
George H. Sampson, for powder, &c., .	11 75
Edward A. Perry, for labor and material,	51 53
John M. Harris, surveying,	60 00
James Googan, for labor and material, .	12 00
Thomas Fardy & Son, for posts, . . .	34 11
Daniel Leahy, "	4 07
George B. Dench, for lighting street, .	3 00
Martin P. Pike, for labor,	2 50
George Pierce, "	1 00
John Lynch, "	1 00
Frank Smith, "	1 00
Thomas Fardy & Son, for repairing tools,	13 75
Total,	<hr/> \$1,444 99
Cr. by cash, received for labor,	7 87
Total,	<hr/> \$1,437 12

SOUTH STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, 5 days, 2	
horses,	\$26 25
Martin P. Pike, team-work, 1 day, . .	3 50
J. Whiting, team-work, 1 day, 2 horses,	5 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 6 days, . .	10 50
Patrick Feeney, for " 6 "	10 50
John Desmond, for " 6 "	10 50
Leis Jones, for " 6 "	10 50
William Cunningham, for labor, 6 days,	10 50
Jedediah French, for labor, 5 days, .	10 00
Walter A. Jones, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00

Paid Mathew Graham, for labor, 2 days,	\$3 50
Ebenezer Alden, for 259 loads of gravel,	20 72
Total,	<hr/> \$128 47
Cr. by cash for gravel sold,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$126 97

SOUTH MAIN ST. REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, 4 days,	
2 horses,	\$19 60
Royal T. Mann, team-work, 3 days, 2	
horses,	15 00
Ephraim Mann, team-work, 3 days, 2	
horses,	15 00
Jedediah French, for labor, $4\frac{1}{10}$ days,	8 20
Lewis Jones, " $4\frac{1}{10}$ "	7 17
William Cunningham, for labor, $4\frac{1}{10}$ days,	7 17
Patrick Feeney, " $4\frac{1}{10}$ "	7 17
Thomas Whalin, " $4\frac{1}{10}$ "	7 17
John Desmond, " $4\frac{1}{10}$ "	7 17
Walter A. Jones, " 4 "	7 00
James Lyons, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Ebenezer Alden, for 82 loads of gravel,	9 20
Ebenezer Alden, for 29 "	7 36
Total,	<hr/> \$122 46

WEST STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days, 2 horses,	\$28 00
Royal T. Mann, " 1 " 2 "	5 00
Jedediah French, for labor, 4 "	8 00
Thomas Whalin, " 3 "	5 25

Paid Matthew Graham, for labor, 3	days,	\$5 25
Thomas Duff,	" 4 "	7 00
Lewis Jones,	" 4 "	7 00
John Desmond,	" 4 "	7 00
Daniel Kiley,	" 1 "	2 00
Thomas Whalin,	" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	87
George B. Dench,	" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	87
Walter A. Jones,	" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	87
Aaron A. Prescott, for 92 loads of gravel,		6 92
Daniel Kiley,	" 26 " "	2 60
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>\$86 63

BRIDGE, HOWARD STREET, *under direction of* MARTIN P.
PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $5\frac{1}{3}$ days, 2 teams,	\$26 45
John Desmond, for labor, 5	" 8 75
Daniel Kiley,	" $3\frac{1}{2}$ " 7 65
Thomas Duff,	" 5 " 8 31
Thomas Whalin,	" 5 " 8 40
Jedediah French,	" 1 " 2 00
Christopher Ward,	" 1 " 1 75
Walter A. Jones,	" 1 " 1 75
Patrick Feeney,	" 1 " 1 75
Arthur W. Austin, for 41 loads of gravel,	4 10
Adam Jones, for stone,	50
Total,	. . . . .<hr/>\$71 41

ALDEN STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P.
PIKE,

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $2\frac{5}{10}$ days, 2 horses,	\$11 00
Jedediah French, for labor, 2	" 4 00
Thomas Duff,	" $2\frac{1}{2}$ " 4 37

Paid John Desmond, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$4 37
Lewis Jones, " $2\frac{1}{2}$ "	4 37
Matthew Graham, " 2 "	3 50
Thomas Whalin, " 2 "	3 50
Ebenezer Alden, for 52 loads of gravel,	4 16
Total,	<hr/> \$39 27

STONE PICKING *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others,	\$136 40
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MILL STREET WIDENING.

Paid James G. Hurley, Land damage, .	\$60 00
Thomas Good, " .	50 00
Catharine Brady, " .	50 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, Adm'x, " .	40 00
James Burke, " .	30 00
William Gibbons, " .	14 00
Daniel Leahy, " .	11 00
James Harris, " .	10 00
Dennis McCarty, " .	10 00
Dennis Fox, " .	10 00
Total,	<hr/> \$285 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others,	\$78 48
Thomas Moran "	40 02
William White "	40 86
James Riley "	37 18
Martin P. Pike "	53 76
Thomas Good "	22 30
Martin L. Eddy "	15 68
Total,	<hr/> \$288 28

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 73 funerals,	\$232 00
Total,	<u>\$232 00</u>

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State),	\$2,166 25
Total,	<u>\$2,166 25</u>

STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State),	\$1,738 89
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see for items, Engineer's Report),	\$3,173 24
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for year 1879, . . .	\$455 70
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for year ending March 1, 1880,	\$10 00
Engineers of Fire Department to May 1, 1880,	48 00
Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1879,	285 62
James A. Tower, School Committee, in- cluding use of carriage, 1880, . . .	50 00
Winslow Battles, School Committee, 1880-81,	105 00
James Molloy, " "	100 00
George H. Wilkins, " "	100 00
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, As- sessor and Overseer of the Poor, .	275 00
Sidney French, services as Selectman, As- sessor and Overseer of the Poor, .	275 00

Paid Royal T. Mann, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, .	\$275 00
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	\$1,523 62

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1350 town reports,	\$237 25
Dan'l H. Huxford, pri't'g warrants, notices, &c.,	82 50
Henry H. Francis, for labor and material, addition to Hall,	195 21
Night Police, 1879-80,	172 29
Special Police, July 3d and 4th,	73 00
Frank P. Stevens, services as detective,	50 00
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	93 50
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	93 00
Turner Free Library, as per vote,	500 00
Grand Amry Post 110, as per vote,	100 00
Brooks Adams, professional services in Rooney case,	95 50
William F. Rooney, for damage to carriage,	125 00
Witnesses in Deane case,	69 50
John Dooley, Jr., damage to horse, car- riage and harness,	25 00
Wales B. Thayer, damage to sleigh,	13 00
Thomas Farrell, services as constable,	29 20
Henry H. Francis, " "	27 50
Colin Boyd, care of Selectmen's Office,	25 10
Hiram C. Alden, copying valuation-book,	20 00
Cornelius McMahon, damage to property,	20 00
Jonahan Wales, professional services,	25 00
James N. Bullock, care of J. A. Tower's horse, 1878-79,	30 00
James N. Bullock, for horse-hire,	26 00

Paid Wm. B. Hathaway, enter'm't of Town Officers,	\$22 95
Nathan'l Noyes, labor and material repairing safe,	18 90
A. J. Gove, labor, filling reservoirs,	20 00
H. H. Estabrook, for repairs on "Fire King" engine,	15 00
Peter A. Wales & Son, for pump and repairs,	31 50
Frank J. Donahoe, services as constable,	5 00
Daniel Howard, for sundry bills,	7 88
Colin Boyd, for care of Hall Town Meetings,	7 50
Colin Boyd, for preparing wood,	6 25
Ward & Gay, for stationery and book,	8 85
Frank Porter, for stationery,	3 60
Doane & Greenough, stationery,	2 50
Joseph Graham, for labor and material,	12 73
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	11 00
Daniel Leahy, " "	3 00
Mary Campbell, for varnishing hearse,	15 00
T. T. Cushman, services for Board of Health,	11 00
Charles E. Higgins, for ventilators,	4 50
John G. Poole, for postage,	6 96
Thos. Fardy & Son, for repairs on snow plough,	5 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	7 12
Martin P. Pike, distributing town reports, 1880,	5 00
A. L. Chase, for examination of Geo. Beaumeister at Quincy,	3 80
Warren M. Babbitt, for examination of Geo. Beaumeister at Quincy,	3 80
Thomas Ward, for labor,	3 00
William Cole, " "	3 00
Thomas Groom, for tax-books,	2 25
G. L. Bates, repairing safe,	2 15
John T. Flood, sundry bills for keys, repairs, &c.,	2 00

Ephriam F. Belcher, for repairs, . . .	\$2 02
Robert S. Jones, for binding, . . .	2 50
John B. Regan, repairing well, . . .	6 00
A. J. Gove, expressage, . . .	1 80
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$2,391 11

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

In the amount expended for the purpose of relieving the poor within the limits of our town, for the year ending March 1, 1881, there is very little perceptible variation from the average expense incurred for that object in the years past, or at least since 1875. True, some have been removed by death, a few are self-supporting, and others have availed themselves of the law of 1879, an act for the relief of poor and indigent soldiers.

Mr. Martin P. Pike and his wife still continue as Superintendent and Matron of our Almshouse. There is a general air of method and order about the whole institution; a comfortable home is provided for the worthy and respected, but unfortunate poor, both old and young. The children are obliged to attend our public schools regularly. Mr. and Mrs. Pike are untiring in their efforts to secure for the youth under their control all benefits requisite to lead them on to lives of respectability and usefulness. During the year an inspector from the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, visited our Almshouse on his tour of inspection and classed the institution and its management among the best in the State, paying a very deserved compliment to the Superintendent and Matron for the order, neatness and very healthful appearance that prevailed in and about the place. Mr. Pike during the past year, by a vote of the town, has had charge of the picking of the stones on the highways, and the removal of snow in the various districts; and in addition to his other labors has completed the widening of

North Street from the junction of Union and South Main Streets to the brook, near the residence of James Barry, 2d, in a workmanlike manner, and to the satisfaction of the citizens. The amount he has earned with the town teams, and paid into the town Treasury, from April 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881, is six hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents. The number supported at the Almshouse during the year ending March 1, 1881, in whole or in part, was twenty-four; the average number eighteen; a decrease of three for a full year.

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1881 :

Polly Copeland.	Peter Reardon.
Ellen Kennedy.	Catharine Condon.
Lewis Linfield.	Elias Cole.
Frances McMath.	Michael Clark.
Ellen Buckley.	Angeline Buckley.
Mary Ellen Buckley.	Maggie McLaughlin.
Teresa Long.	Frances McLaughlin.
Margaret Quinlan.	Katie Quinlan.
Mary O'Brien.*	James O'Brien.
James Harris.	Jonathan Hunt.
George Weaver.*	Samuel Turner.†
Horace Holbrook.*	Jennie Sylvester.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, Superintendent, one year,	\$600 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies, . . .	429 38
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal, . .	253 58
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	160 60

* Discharged.

† Refunded.

Paid Estate of William Campbell, for labor and material,	\$147 18
Josiah Clark, for meat,	136 10
I. D. Page, for supplies,	91 69
George Fowkes, for harness and repairs,	55 85
Sidney French, for boots and shoes,	48 69
A. Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	46 27
N. E. Buck, for tea,	25 49
Clark Fairbanks, for clothing,	22 92
Hill & Daniel, for crackers,	20 56
John Carey, for fish,	17 88
Heirs of William Cole, for pasture,	16 00
A. B. Gilman, for labor,	15 00
Mr. C. Holbrook and others, for nursing,	13 00
A. J. Gove, expressage,	18 00
J. B. Rhines, for lumber,	15 22
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	13 75
Joseph Breck & Son, for dressing,	12 25
Orin & Douglass, for mdse.,	12 54
N. H. Tirrell, for repairs,	12 00
P. H. Shendan (auction), for molasses,	10 25
E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	10 00
Morss & Whyte, for screen,	9 00
Walter Cartwright, for repairs,	8 00
C. A. Wales, for labor and material,	7 00
for removal of O'Brien boy,	5 00
Burditt & Williams, for mdse.,	7 50
Peter A. Wales & Son, for labor and mate'l,	7 75
Gilbert & Dodge, for iron-work,	6 72
Mr. Bryden, for supplies,	5 61
C. A. Wales, for apples,	5 00
Frank Porter, for medicine,	5 40
T. Fardy & Son, for repairs,	5 00

Paid D. Crolin, for horse-collar, . . .	\$5 00
for oil and cotton-seed meal, . . .	4 80
Ames Plough Co., for sled shoes, . . .	4 63
Jordan & Marsh, for mdse., . . .	3 50
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	3 19
Ephraim Mann, for labor, . . .	3 50
George H. Sampson, for mdse., . . .	2 85
Messrs. Hasting & Co., for doors, . . .	2 08
H. H. Libby, for labor, . . .	2 00
Wm. F. Brown, for labor, . . .	2 00
S. W. Willard, for tripe, . . .	1 75
Seth Mann, 2d, for iron pipe, . . .	1 75
Moses C. Beal, for plank, . . .	1 50
C. Copeland, for supplies, . . .	1 08
Thomas Whalin, for labor, . . .	1 00
A. Thayer, for material, . . .	80
H. H. Francis, for material, . . .	58
Sundry bills, . . .	26 76
Total, . . .	<u>\$2,344 95</u>

Cr. by cash paid Treasurer, for labor, \$623 99	
" " for pro-	
duce, milk, &c., sold, .	26 85
by cash amount, included in bill,	
paid by town of Holbrook, .	377 48
by bills due, . . .	2 29

\$1,030 61

Net cost, . . . \$1,314 34

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

ANN THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Thayer, for board, . . .	\$100 00
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EDWIN AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Amasa S. Niles, for board, . . .	247 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	15 00
for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	188 91
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hospital,	207 30
*for Mrs. Edward Welch, at State Lunatic Hospital,	72 16
for John Harris at State Reform School, .	52 00
*for Thomas Fencer, at " .	33 00
for Patrick Fencer at State Work House, .	33 35
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family, .	203 80
for Mrs. John C. Kelliher and family, .	191 45
for Mrs. Philip Kenney " .	172 04
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt " .	184 03
for Mrs. William Grady " .	164 05
for Mrs. James Riley " .	115 70
for Mrs John Fencer and family at Brockton,	53 25
for Mrs. Thomas Donahoe and family, .	112 86
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson " .	78 00
for Mrs. Gerald Ganity " .	80 75
for Mrs. Patrick McKay " .	49 50
for Mrs. Luke Riley " .	82 14
for Mrs. Shepard Wood " .	83 26
for Mrs. Bernard Purcell and child, .	89 56
for Mrs. Bernard Gill,	54 00

* Discharged.

Paid for Mrs. Almira Giles at Braintree, .	\$92 08
for Mrs. Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr., N.H.),	50 00
for Mrs. Hiram Wilson,	113 95
for Mrs. Margaret Deneil at Weymouth, .	21 00
for Mrs. Ellen McMath at Cambridge, .	1 42
†for Ozias D. Daniels,	177 00
†for Richmond Jones and family,	159 60
for Asa Morton,	89 50
for Hiram Holbrook and family,	104 00
for Michael McGraine "	57 03
for J. Wales Sylvester and family, part at Stoughton and Boston,	88 60
for B. W. Sylvester and family,	12 00
for Hiram Wilson,	17 38
for George F. Eddy and family,	160 63
for L. B. Holbrook and wife at Quincy, .	78 52
for Alexander Holbrook and family, . .	42 00
for James Butler,	34 50
for Paul T. Clark,	48 00
for James Upham at Stoughton,	42 40
for Thomas Smith at Holbrook,	25 00
for Luther F. Thayer at Boston,	30 00
for Luke O'Riley and wife,	28 00
for George H. Abbott,	17 10
for David McKay,	11 75
for James D. Fox at Weymouth,	10 00
for Bartholomew Bunberry, part at Worcester,	9 00
for Mrs. John Hollis,	15 00
for George W. Cook,	8 00
for sundry bills for aid,	32 29

† Deceased.

Paid for sundry bills for aid refunded, . . .	\$41 82
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	\$4,280 58

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN
RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK, THROUGH
MILITARY SERVICES.

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$190 23
for Winfield Scott Weathee, at State Workhouse,	25 00
for John O'Brien, at State Reform School,	12 00
for James O'Brien, at State Reform School,	10 00
for Mrs. William H. Simpson and family,	260 20
for Mrs. Christiania Sloan and family,	169 68
for Mrs. Rose Murphy and family,	95 75
for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand and family,	106 85
for Mrs. John Mann and family,	102 70
for Mrs. Lysander C. Morse at Brockton,	34 28
for Mrs. C. V. Sloan at Brockton,	10 20
for Mrs. O'Gorman at Boston,	44 91
for Mrs. Mary Mullin at Boston,	52 00
for Mrs. Jeremiah C. Buckley at Weymouth,	81 07
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	185 90
for Mrs. Walter A. Jones and family,	75 00
for John Crosby and family,	103 50
for Albert Howard and family,	63 47
for L. F. Leavitt at Quincy,	88 08
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	55 50
for William Tilson,	7 50
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Total,	\$1,773 82

One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in the Almshouse paid by Holbrook.

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Frederic Fowler, Jr., and family,

Easton,	\$153 88
for John F. Clark and family, Stoughton,	217 34
for James O'Sullivan and family, Stoughton,	23 90
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	69 50
for Lucius Hollis and family, Holbrook,	141 71
for I. N. Pendergrass and family, Holbrook,	6 50
for Lysander Miller and family, Holbrook,	2 25
for Stephen Farnum and family, Methuen,	81 25
for Elizabeth Farnum and family, Methuen,	78 15
for Edmund Burke and family, Foxboro,	29 05
for Mrs. Alphenia Carey, Lowell,	90 00
for Mrs. Susan Meaney, Boston,	54 00
for Mills Moore, Boston,	41 15
for Isaac J. Tully, Boston,	28 25
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury,	16 50
for Mrs. Robert E. Weaver and family,	
Medway,	19 15
for George C. Currie, Canton,	8 00
for James Lewis, Newburyport,	8 00
for Samuel Turner, Foxboro,	75
Total,	\$1,069 33

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, for lodging 197 tramps in lock-up,

\$140 00

Paid Colin Boyd, for bedding and repairs material,	\$10 00
D. B. White, for supplies,	12 36
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	6 50
John McLean, for John Hanley, . . .	1 50
C. C. Farnham, for medical aid, . . .	2 00
Henry M. White, for Joseph Talbot, . .	1 00
Total,	<u>\$173 36</u>
Paid for Francis Blanchard and wife, . .	221 58
Total,	<u>\$394 94</u>

Included in the expenses of poor in the Almshouse, poor out of the Almshouse, poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, poor of other towns and state paupers, are the following sums of money paid to the physicians for medical aid rendered for one year, ending April 4, 1881 :—

Dr. Charles C. Farnham,	\$75 00
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman,	75 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen,	75 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	75 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase,	75 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	75 00
Total,	<u>\$450 00</u>

The undersigned, auditors of accounts, elected at the annual town meeting in April, 1880, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the treasurer.

ROYAL W. TURNER,
JAMES BURKE, JR.,
CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph, 1881.

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1881.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,
MARCH 1, 1881.

2 horses,	\$400 00
2 cows,	80 00
5 hens,	3 75
4 tons of hay, English,	100 00
1 ton of fresh hay,	10 00
1 farm wagon,	65 00
2 horse carts,	150 00
1 swing drag,	50 00
1 pair wheels, with pole,	50 00
1 mowing-machine,	60 00
1 carriage,	100 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
4 harnesses,	50 00
1 new double harness,	50 00
4 draft-chains,	10 00
1 sled,	3 00
1 new 2-horse sled, with shafts and pole,	50 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	1 75
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels, 1 spade,	6 00
3 ploughs,	25 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 bill-hook,	5 00
4 hoes,	1 25
1 saw-horse,	75
1 snow-shovel,	50.

1 churn,	\$2 00
1 boiler,	2 00
45 bushels of potatoes,	40 00
10 bars of soap,	1 00
1 gallon of molasses,	50
12 pounds of sugar	1 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel of flour,	5 00
5 pounds of chocolate,	2 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
28 colored blankets,	20 00
25 white blankets,	20 00
5 colored bed spreads,	4 00
5 comforters,	7 00
7 feather beds,	56 00
19 underbeds,	25 00
57 sheets,	24 00
10 double sheets,	5 00
36 pillow cases,	15 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
20 towels,	2 50
table cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	12 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrel, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	25 00
6 flat-irons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood-saw,	1 25
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
1 steelyards,	1 50
3 hammers and 33 drills,	45 00

Crockery ware,	\$40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
1 clock,	4 00
1 cord wood,	6 00
1 road-scraper,	30 00
2½ tons of coal,	20 00
325 pounds of pork,	36 00
1 washing-machine,	8 00
95 pounds of lard,	10 00
9 lamps,	4 50
10 flour barrels,	1 00
8 yards of calico,	80
3 yards of crash,	24
150 pounds of ham,	15 00
Grain,	8 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,028 29

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1880-81.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town : —

For schools (see report of School Committee),	
repairs, furniture and incidental expenses,	\$8,700 00
highways,	4,000 00
general town expenses,	10,000 00
reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
fire department (see report of Engineers),	2,300 00
Total,	<hr/> \$30,000 00

Respectfully submitted, JOHN T. FLOOD,
SIDNEY FRENCH,
ROYAL T. MANN,
Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1880-81.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the requirements of law and of custom the School Committee hereby present to their fellow citizens of the town their Annual Report.

The number of public schools maintained during the year covered by this Report, and subject to the supervision of the Committee, is the same as it has been for several years past, requiring the same number of teachers, to wit, two male and fifteen female teachers. Among these three have left the service during the year: Mrs. Annie M. Belcher, Miss Isabel C. Beal and Miss Annie Veazie. The first two from choice for other duties; the last mentioned from reduced strength and ill health, induced by the severity of her school work, most successfully performed for a series of years. The complement of teachers was supplied by the election of Miss Minnie W. Corliss, Miss Kittie R. Molloy and Miss Sara E. Belcher.

The schools have been in session thirty-eight weeks, excepting the few single holidays that occurred in term time, and have been conducted, to the extent possible, in the light of improved methods and plans, which have borne the tests of trial. Generally speaking, the schools are in good condition, and are worth to the town their money cost. In them honest, faithful work is done by teachers and pupils, with varying results, as is usually the case in all departments of human efforts. The teachers have shown intelligent discrimination in the adoption of plans and methods in carrying on their work, and dispositions to reach out for all the aids possible in labors to bring their schools up to the highest points of excellence.

At the fall meeting, 1878, of the "Association of School Committees and Superintendents of Norfolk County," a Committee was chosen for the purpose of examining the children of the County who had been in school four and eight years, respectively. The examination was made in the following spring, under the direction of Mr. George A. Walton, Agent of the State Board of Education, by invitation of the above-named Committee, whose report thereon was made to the State Board by request, and published in the forty-third report of the Board, issued since the School Committee's last report was presented. While your Committee do not recognize this examination as a complete and wholly reliable test of the condition of the schools of the County, of the quality of work done in them by teachers and pupils, as no one hurried examination, as this must have been, could be, nevertheless, "it was as fair for one as for another," they refer to it for the purpose of giving to the citizens of the town the result of the examination, such as it was, in fixing the position of this town when compared with the other towns of the County in regard to the proficiency of schools.

There are twenty-four towns in the County. Of these nine achieved a higher percentage in the examination than Randolph did, one stood at the same, leaving thirteen at a lower percentage. In this latter number are to be found *all the towns bordering* upon this town that are in Norfolk County. Though a mortification that the schools of Randolph are not found in the foremost rank of excellence, by this test even,—and it is not well to rest contented with anything short of the best,—it is, at the same time, extremely gratifying that they hold so honorable a place in comparison with the schools of surrounding towns, which have been

subject to about the same outward influences and expenditure of money.

During the year just ended monthly meetings of teachers and Committee have been held, when methods of instruction, modes of presenting subjects to the youthful mind so as to rivet the attention and awaken interest, general management and discipline of schools were discussed in a spirit of earnestness shown only by those interested in their work. The Committee feel that good has come of these meetings, and they anticipate much benefit to the schools from their continuance in the future.

At the time when so much is spoken and written upon the subjects of schools, their short-comings and their merits, methods of teaching and general management, there has come, as might be expected, an awakening of public interest in them which demands of the teaching fraternity more intelligent work and more unerring leadership in guiding the young into and along the paths of "useful learning," by processes of training and development that shall produce the best results to the individual and the community in a useful culture, so far as it can be carried on in the common schools.

Efforts, in response to the demands of the changed condition of things in management and instruction, have not been wanting in the schools during the year just closed. Still, despite all efforts, there are some schools not yet equal to the best ones. Barring whatever natural causes there may be for this, it is believed by the Committee that this difference can measurably be removed. In the first place it is not all due to the teacher. All that makes a good school is not to be looked for in the teacher or in the Committee. Children cannot be taught when not in school; or, if there, when in an unteachable condition. These considerations lead the Committee to urge upon the parents and guardians

of children of schoolable age, first, that their children shall be more punctual and regular in their attendance. Tardiness and absence are hurtfully prevalent in nearly all the schools. In some, to such an extent as to well nigh paralyze all attempts to carry classes along in any systematic course of study and improvement. This evil to the school, as such, and great injury to individual children, loudly calls for abatement, and, if to be overcome, it must be by an appeal to the good sense of the parents, stimulated to right action by the concern they should feel in the children's welfare; not forgetting that in the quick flight of time these children will soon be men and women. The opportunity for youthful training in education once lost by advancing time is seldom regained, and those from whom are withheld the privileges of common school education are, in after life, often doomed by illiteracy to circumstances less felicitous and elevating than would have surrounded them had they not been denied the means for culture when young. Children are not capable to select for themselves what is best. The thoughtful parent will select and determine for his children; and can he do better than to give them the full, unbroken course of instruction the schools afford?

Secondly. The Committee have to remark that the *relation* between the parent and teacher is not always what it should be — that of mutual interest. In certain instances there is apparent a spirit of antagonism between the two, which never exists without injury to those whom each should be emulous to serve and help. Teacher and parent have, or should have, a common object — the development of the child, intellectually and morally. In the accomplishment of this noble purpose, there should be *unity* between the *home* and the *school*. There must be, if the school is to be useful in the proper degree. The right-minded teacher solicits communi-

cation with the parent in all reasonable manner concerning the children at school, and is never disinclined to receive suggestions based on knowledge of the children's characters. Both parents and teachers have feelings and rights that are to be carefully observed in all intercourse in connection with the schools, and whenever this fact is disregarded, and a spirit of opposition or antagonism is allowed to grow up at home, sooner or later trouble is sure to come between the teacher and the children at school. In this connection the Committee feel warranted in inviting the parents and all friends of the children to a more intimate knowledge of the schools through more frequent visitations. Go and see what is being done and how it is being done; observation is a great enlightener, and a slight explanation sometimes will serve to avoid very unpleasant complications. The Committee confidently trust, that, in these two particulars — the matters of *absence and tardiness*, and the *relation* between parents and teachers — the next year will show an improvement.

With continued liberality of appropriations for their support, intelligence and care in supervision by the Committee, well directed and faithful work by teachers and interested co-operation by parents, the schools will contribute incalculable benefit to the town, and confer blessings upon many to whom a good common school education will prove their richest inheritance.

In regard to appropriations for the ensuing year, the Committee have to say: That for repairs they are obliged to ask for an increased appropriation, in order to do what a wise economy would dictate. The roof of the house at the west corners, No. 3, needs to be shingled for the preservation of the rest of the building, at an estimated cost of one hundred dollars. Both the Prescott Grammar and Prescott Primary

(old house) buildings need new fences around them, the present fences being too far gone to be of any value in enclosing the lots, or of much value in refencing. Estimated cost of this work, with cedar posts, two hundred and fifty dollars, with stone posts, one hundred and ten dollars more. Other than these the Committee are not aware of any but the ordinary small repairs.

While the sums by appropriation and otherwise applicable to support of schools, have not been expended this year, as shown by the financial statement herewith, the Committee will ask for an appropriation of eight thousand seven hundred dollars, as follows : —

For teaching,	\$7,000 00
" fuel,	350 00
" care of rooms,	450 00
" repairs,	500 00
" incidentals,	400 00
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	\$8,700 00

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Randolph :

Gentlemen, — In accordance with the by-laws of the town under which we hold our offices by your appointment, we beg to report that we have visited the various schools from time to time to ascertain who, among the children of school age, were not enrolled as members, and, if unrolled, to know if they were regular in attendance.

By reports and statements of the teachers and our own observations, we found that most of those who should be are registered. Still, while we are able to report an improvement as regards wilful absence, and enforced absence through the action or carelessness of parents, we recognize the neces-

sity of greater fidelity and care on the part of parents in securing the more regular attendance of their children at school. We have not any cases of truancy to report where we have felt it necessary to proceed to the extremity of the law.

GALEN HOLLIS,
THOMAS FARRELL,
Truant Officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WINSLOW BATTLES,
JAMES MOLLOY,
GEO. H. WILKINS,
School Committee.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1880-81.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas W. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
Arthur C. Wadsworth, 1 year,	865 69
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	450 00
Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	375 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	356 58
Kittie E. Sherridan, 38 weeks,	349 65
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	334 13
Sarah N. Wilde, 38 weeks,	325 00
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	314 00
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	304 00
Ellen P. Henry, 38 weeks,	317 81
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	285 00
Minnie M. Babbitt, 38 weeks,	277 50
Mary D. Dooley, 38 weeks,	228 00
Minnie W. Corliss, 25 weeks,	200 00

Paid Kittie R. Molloy, 25 weeks, . . .	\$187 50
Isabel C. Beal, 24 weeks, . . .	187 50
Annie Veazie, 12 weeks, . . .	123 16
Annie M. Belcher, 12 weeks, . . .	111 18
Sarah Belcher, 13 weeks, . . .	97 50
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Total,	\$6,679 20

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	\$301 00
Edwin M. Mann, for wood, . . .	13 50
John Wales, for wood, . . .	15 50
Sundry person, for shavings and prepar- ing wood,	18 35
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Total,	\$348 35

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$236 92
Galen Hollis,	80 00
Sarah V. Wilde,	47 00
Henry Piper,	35 00
George W. Bump,	22 50
John T. Wales,	20 00
Mary Shields,	10 75
Mary Feeney,	8 33
Mrs. James Riley,	5 00
Mrs. Gerald Garrity,	1 53
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Total,	\$467 03

FOR FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES AND
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Henry H. Francis, for labor and material,	\$170 64
William Ware & Co., for books, . . .	160 02

Paid Lee & Shepard, for books,	\$95 35
Knight, Adams & Co., for books,	89 55
Boston School Supply Co., for books,	74 07
C. A. Wales, for labor and material,	76 30
Robert S. Davis & Co., for books,	68 54
Blacker & Shepard, for mdse.,	48 88
Thomas H. West, for labor on books,	50 00
Francis A. Stanley, for labor and material,	43 71
L. Prang & Co., for books,	35 97
James E. Nash, for clocks,	39 50
Dan'l H. Huxford, for pr'nt'ng notices, &c.,	31 75
Thos. Farwell, for services as truant officer,	25 00
Galen Hollis, "	15 00
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	22 75
Francis A. Stanley, for taking census of school children,	20 00
Isaac N. Linfield, for labor and material,	18 79
Adam F. Jones, for posts,	19 00
Winslow Alden, for labor and material,	23 45
Claffin & Brown, for mdse.,	19 74
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	15 85
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	15 85
Colin Boyd, for care of office,	12 00
H. Hybennett, for labor and material,	12 27
Nathaniel Noyes, for labor and material,	17 43
Lawrence Hayes, for use of well 3 years,	9 00
Maynard & Noyes, for mdse.,	9 00
Carter, Dinsmore & Co., for mdse.,	6 00
Patrick Feeney, for use of well,	6 00
Morrison M. Alden, for use of well 2 years,	6 00
Charles Higgins, for labor and material,	6 47
Winslow Battles, for horse and carriage hire,	5 40
Samuel F. Nichols, for mdse.,	5 40

Paid Ginn & Heath, for mdse., . . .	\$4 80
Galen Hollis, for labor, . . .	3 00
Bogman & Vinal, for mdse., . . .	2 70
W. H. Faxon, for tuning piano, . . .	2 50
Charles Prescott, for supplies, . . .	2 50
George N. Lincoln, for glass, . . .	2 00
Colin Boyd, for keys, . . .	1 35
Henry Piper, for labor, . . .	50
John Wales, for use of well, . . .	3 00
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$1,297 03

Included in the above is cash refunded to the

Town Treasurer, for books sold, . . .	432 29
Stock of books on hand, . . .	103 43
Uncollected bills, . . .	100 00
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$635 73

Expenditures less than appropriations, \$617 55

TOTAL EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching, . . .	\$6,679 20
for fuel, . . .	348 35
for care of school-rooms, . . .	467 03
for miscellaneous expenses, . . .	1,297 03
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$8,791 61
Paid for Stetson High School, . . .	1,250 00
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$10,041 61

Respectfully,

WINSLOW BATTLES,
JAMES MOLLOY,
GEO. H. WILKINS,

School Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

GENELEMEN, — The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report: —

ORGANIZATION.

The Department organized May 1, 1880, as follows: —

ENGINEERS.

John Dooley, Jr., *Chief*; Lévi Wilbur, Louis Goeres;
C. A. Wales, *Clerk*.

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; W. P. Alden, *Engineer*; John T. Cartwright, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1,	20 men,	James Farrell,	<i>Foreman</i> .
Pioneer H. & L. Co. No. 1,	25 "	Sam'l A. Foster,	"
Independence No. 3,	50 "	James E. Neary,	"
Fearless No. 3,	50 "	Myron W. Hollis,	"

FIRES.

The number of fires the past year has been six, one less than the previous year, and in our opinion these have all been of incendiary origin.

The department has been called to the following fires: —

March 5, 12.30 A.M. House on South street, owned by Mrs. Grant, damaged. Engines present: Steamer, Hose Co., Pioneer H. & L. Co. and Fearless.

March 7, 12.45 A.M. Store of James E. Nash, Main

street, damaged. Occupied by N. Rosenfeld, P. H. Sheridan, Dr. D. W. Leach and Dr. F. Morton. Engines present : Steamer, Pioneer H. & L. and Hose Co.

April 6, 10.30 P.M. Barn on South street, owned by R. Adams, consumed. Engines present : Steamer No. 1, Hose No. 1 and Pioneer H. & L. Co.

August 28, 10.15 P.M. Barn of Edmund Eddy, West street, consumed. Engines present : Steamer No. 1, Pioneer H. & L., Hose No. 1, Independence and Fearless.

Sept. 11, 11 P.M. Barn of James Donovan, Cross street, destroyed. Engines present : Steamer, Hose 1, Pioneer H. & L., Independence and Fearless.

Oct. 3, 1 A.M. Barn of Daniel Kelliher, Warren street, consumed. Engines present : Steamer, Independence, Pioneer H. & L., Hose No. 1 and Fearless.

EXPENSES FOR 1880-81.

Whole amount appropriated, \$3,350.00, divided as follows : —

For pay of men, . . .	\$1,800 00	
" purchase of hose, . . .	1,000 00	
" general expenses, . . .	550 00	\$3,350 00
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Paid for 144 men, \$12, . . .	\$1,728 00	
for hose,	900 00	
for general expenses, . . .	545 24	3,173 24
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Balance less than appropriation, . . .		\$176 76

Expenses of each company, as near as it is possible to separate them, are as follows : —

STEAMER No. 1.

Paid 2 men, services one year to May 1, '81,	\$24 00
W. B. Brown, repairs,	40
T. Fardy & Son, "	2 50
2 rubber coats and caps, . . .	7 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal, . . .	27 00
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer, . .	55 00
W. P. Alden, cleaning steamer, fill- ing reservoir, &c.,	59 49
J. T. Cartwright, cleaning steamer,	2 50
J. T. Cartwright, taking care fire 20 weeks, '79-'80,	20 00
J. T. Cartwright, taking care fire 16 weeks, '80-'81,	16 00
Total,	<u>\$213 89</u>

RANDOLPH HOSE COMPANY.

Paid 20 men, services for year to May 1, 1881,	\$240 00
2 rubber coats and hats,	7 00
J. T. Cartwright, steward, care hose and steamer,	52 80
Total,	<u>\$299 80</u>

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

Paid 25 men, services for year to May 1, 1881,	
\$12,	\$300 00
10 rubber coats and caps,	35 00
Bishop & Co., repair ladder, . . .	5 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	3 65
N. E. Knights, steward's bill and labor,	14 00
Total,	<u>\$357 65</u>

INDEPENDENCE NO. 3.

Paid 50 men, services for year to May 1, 1881,	
\$12,	\$600 00
J. N. Bullock, drawing, 1879, . .	3 00
H. H. Francis, repairs, 1879, . .	75
C. O. Bennett, oil and chimneys, .	84
Rubber coats and caps,	7 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land one year, .	10 00
J. B. McGraine, steward's bill, . .	1 50
James Meaney, " "	9 25
E. O. Leach & Co., oil for hose, . .	22 27
F. Howard, oiling hose,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$659 61

FEARLESS.

Paid 47 men, services for year to May 1, 1881,	
\$12,	\$564 00
W. B. Brown, axe-helve,	1 00
Josiah Clark, wood, 1879,	1 50
Rubber coats and caps,	7 00
James Riley, rent of land one year, .	10 00
E. O. Leach & Co., oil for hose, . .	22 28
F. Howard, steward's bill,	15 75
" " oiling hose,	5 00
Total,	<hr/> \$626 53

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Richard Blanche, repair reservoir, Warren St.	\$3 00
Wm. B. Brown, screens and hose bunch, .	5 75
Wm. F. Henry, repair of doors,	5 92
T. Fardy & Son, iron for engine-house, .	2 69

Paid L. Wilbur, laying hose, filling reservoir, .	\$5 00
L. Slade & Son, tank,	10 00
Dr. B. White & Co., supplies,	10 36
Lewis Bulcher, shoveling snow,	3 00
J. T. Cartwright, "	6 00
C. A. Wales, lead pipe, sink, faucets, boiler, &c.,	32 15
C. A. Wales, cash paid Hall Rubber Co., 50 feet hose and pipe,	12 65
Wm. Henry, Frank Taylor and others, extra labor after fire,	10 75
A. J. Gove, extra bill,	6 18
E. A. Perry, repairs,	1 00
H. M. White, well bucket and screws,	1 31
Total,	<u>\$115 76</u>

RECEIPTS.

Received for "Fire King" engine,	\$400 00
" for old leather hose sold,	45 00
" for rent of Independence Hall,	1 00
" for rent of Fearless Hall, and gallon oil,	6 25
	<u>\$452 25</u>

ENGINE HOUSES.

The houses at the present time are all in very good condition.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are all full and all in good condition, with one exception, which may need some repairs. We think the citizens have seen the great advantage of those already built, and one at least should be built each year in some part of

the town, so that in time there would be very few buildings but what could be reached from some reservoir. We think reservoirs could be built, except where buildings are very near each other, at a cost of \$400, large enough for all common fires. We would also call the attention of the citizens to the recommendation made last year, in relation to keeping water in one of the ponds on Main Street, as there is quite a large amount of property below the ponds that must depend almost wholly on them for water in case of fire. In case of a large fire in the centre of the town, we should have an inexhaustible supply the greater part of the year. Also as in case of fire in Allen's block, to immediately fill reservoir at head of Warren Street, or the one in front of Town House. We do not think the expense would be over \$100.

HOSE.

The amount of hose in the department at the present time is 1100 feet of leather, 1000 feet of canvas hose purchased with the steamer, and 1050 feet of canvas hose which was purchased of American Fire Hose Manufacturing Co., for the sum of \$900, although the price had advanced since the previous year, and which has given general satisfaction to the Firemen and Engineers; this was all the hose we considered necessary for the past and also for the present year.

ENGINES.

The steamer has as in the previous year given general satisfaction. And we have been fortunate in still securing the services of Mr. A. J. Gove as driver, W. P. Alden, engineer, and John T. Cartwright, fireman, whom we have always found promptly on hand and reliable. During the year we have disposed of the "Fire King" engine to the town of Douglas, through the agency of H. H. Estabrooke, of

Boston, for the sum of \$400, warranting it in good order, but on the first trial in that town one of the brakes was broken through a flaw; we felt in duty bound to make good the loss, which amounted to \$15.00.

We wish to call the attention of the citizens to the expense account of the department, and before doing so we wish every fireman to remember that we have no fault to find with any company or member, or of the good work which they have done in the past. It will be seen that the expenses for the year ending March 1, 1879, were \$2,943 95

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a difference of,	\$670 71
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which will more than pay the interest on \$4,985.97, the amount expended for steamer, hose-carriage, hose, and repairs on engine-house. It will also be seen that the expense, of running either of the hand-engines is nearly three times as much as the expense of steamer, which has been to every fire, or over \$100 more than the expenses of steamer and hose company combined. The principal expense of running hand-engines is the amount paid for men, and no engine can run with less than fifty. Now, we do not wish to deprive any fireman of the \$12 a year which he receives for his services; as any one who has had any experience as a fireman knows that \$12 is small pay in comparison with the danger from accident and exposure. The disadvantages which hand-engines labor under at the present time are that they are often obliged to run long distances in all kinds of weather and travelling, and any reasonable man knows that three men are not able to stand and work at the brakes for a very long time. The buildings are being built nearer and larger, and will continue to be so; wells are being built under cover and in places where it is harder for engines to get at.

For the benefit of every citizen and tax-payer, for the purpose of reducing the expenses of the department, or if not, of rendering it more efficient by the aid of newly-invented fire apparatus, and for the better protection of buildings which cannot be reached from reservoirs, and from the experience gained in the use of the steamer at different fires during the past year, the engineers, after carefully considering the subject, would recommend that the town purchase a chemical extinguisher, to be used in place of one of the hand-engines, which can very easily be disposed of if necessary.

The reasons in favor of an extinguisher are that it can be run with less men ; being so much lighter, it can get to fires sooner ; is all ready for work as soon as it arrives ; never gets tired ; does not damage buildings as with water ; and we think the difference in the cost of running would more than pay the interest on the cost. We have not been able to get the price of, or the expenses of running for a year.

The town of Brockton has four in use, the town of Quincy has purchased one the past year, Milton and other towns have voted to purchase this year.

PAY OF MEN.

The pay of men we leave for the town to take action on.

APPROPRIATIONS.

In making our estimate for the ensuing year, we ask for the following amounts ; the number of men necessary to run the department the same as last year, with full companies, would be 147, to which we wish to add four fire police, who shall be appointed by the Selectmen and Engineers, and receive the same pay as firemen : —

151 men,	
Incidental expenses,	\$550 00

In the incidental expenses we have not included the expense of filling reservoirs, which depends on the number of fires, and new reservoirs which the town should vote to build. These expenses should be included in the general expenses of the town.

We respectfully submit the above report.

JOHN DOOLEY, JR., *Chief*,
 LEVI WILBUR,
 LOUIS GOERES,
 CHARLES A. WALES.

DR. TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT WITH 1881.

Paid Town Orders.		\$36,496 16
Treasury Notes,		13,200 00
Interest,		2,451 49
Turner Library Fund, amt. rec'd for Dog Licenses,		350 34
State Treasurer, balance Corporation Tax, 1879,		33 00
State Treasurer, balance Bank Tax, 1879,		9 91
State Treasurer, State Tax, 1880,		2,055 00
State Treasurer, Bank Tax, 1880,		2,517 25
Books, Paper, Postage, Stationery, T. C. and Treas.,		30 50
Town Clerk expenses Stoughton Election Returns,		3 50
Town Clerk and Sexton, collecting, recording and re- turning births, marriages and deaths,		84 90
Treasurer's Salary,		100 00
*Balance,		4,310 67

\$61,642 72

*Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,752 72
Due from E. M. Roel on Tax, 1880,	2,557 95

\$4,310 67

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1881.

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts, elected at the annual town meeting in April, 1880, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all payments.

ROYAL W. TURNER.
JAMES BURKE, JR.
C. G. HATHAWAY.

HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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Balance received of C. C. Farnham,	\$4,825 19
Balance due from E. M. Roel on Taxes, 1879,	2,363 55
Received on account of R. Adams' note,	200 00
" for Treasury Notes,	8,000 00
" Tax Bill, 1880,	32,474 19
" of E. M. Roel, interest collected on Taxes of 1879,	176 07
" Dividends of Randolph National Bank,	80 00
" for Salt Grass,	20 00
" for Dog Licenses — County Treasurer,	350 34
" from State Treasurer on acct. of State School Fund,	173 43
" from State Treasurer on account of State Aid,	2,202 50
" from Supt. School Committee for books sold,	432 29
" from Engineers for old hose,	45 00
" from Engineers for rent of engine house,	7 25
" from Fire King Engine,	400 00
" for Flag Pole,	1 00
" of E. M. Roel, extra taxes, 1879,	33 51
" of H. Jacobs, License Pedlar,	11 00
" of J. Spear Estate, bill refunded,	28 50
" of H. L. Peirce, rent Ponkapog Pond,	1 00
" of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1880,	2,521 87
" of State Treasurer, Bank Tax, 1880,	4,200 68
" of State Treasurer, Indigent Soldiers and Sailors,	156 93
" of Town of Methuen, pauper,	157 50
" of Town of Leicester, pauper,	76 80
" of Town of North Brookfield, pauper,	3 10
" of Town of Mansfield, pauper,	12 00
" of Town of Medway, pauper,	54 25
" of City of Taunton, pauper,	73 00
" of Town of Stoughton, pauper,	179 90
" of Town of Quincy, pauper,	15 00
" of Town of Foxboro', pauper,	35 50
" of Town of Brockton, pauper,	89 67
" of Town of Easton, pauper,	203 30
" of Town of Holbrook, pauper,	1,345 74
" from Town Farm, labor and produce sold,	650 84
" from sundry persons, aid refunded,	41 82

 \$61,647 22

STATE OF THE TREASURY MARCH 1, 1881.

DR.

Notes Payable:

1 note to Commonwealth, due March 1, 1882, 6 per cent.		\$5,000 00
1 note to Commonwealth, due July 1, 1883, 4½ "		7,000 00
1 note to Randolph Savings Bank on demand, 6 "		5,000 00
1 note to Randolph Savings Bank " 5 "		5,000 00
1 note to Turner Free Library " 6 "		5,000 00
6 notes to Patrick McMahon " 6 "		3,400 00
1 note to Lemuel Wentworth " 6 "		1,600 00
1 note to Ebenezer Moulton " 6 "		900 00
1 note to Lucy A. Wilber " 6 "		500 00
1 note to Jephtha Howard " 6 "		2,000 00
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		\$35,400 00
Estimated amount of interest amount due March 1, 1881,		350 00
Estimated amount of bills unpaid,		600 00
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		\$36,350 00

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Coddington Fund. — 8 shares Randolph Nat. Bank,	\$1,600 00	
Seth Marsh, Quincy,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,100 00
Due from E. M. Roel, tax collected on tax, 1880.		2,557 95
Due from other towns and State. Pauper accts.,		1,130 35
Due from Commonwealth on account of State aid,		2,525 75
Due from Commonwealth on account of State aid, acct. 1879.		995 57
Due from treasurer, cash in his hands.		1,752 72
Due from Supt. School Committee, books,		203 44
Due on Richard Adams' note, March 1, 1881,		755 58
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		\$12,021 36
Balance net town debt,		24,328 64
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		\$36,350 00

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph:

The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, having attended to their duty, beg leave to submit the following Report of the manner in which they have performed the work assigned them. Though no opportunity has been offered to change the investments of the fund so as to increase the income therefrom, the Trustees feel that they have reason to congratulate themselves, and the town as well, that, during all the years of financial doubt, distrust and uncertainty through which the country, generally, has passed since they have held the securities, no loss of principal has occurred, while the interest realized yearly has, at least, been respectable.

The following list comprises the securities:—

10 shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10 "	Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Hide & Leather Nat'l Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Shoe & Leather Nat'l Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10 "	Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20 "	Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13 "	Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13 "	Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
		\$10,600

The annexed financial account is an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements for the year. Certain improvements, the need of which has for a long time been felt by the patrons of Stetson Hall and citizens of the town generally, have been made, by raising the roof of the L, on the south side of the building, and by other labor in different parts thereof, tending to the desired end, at an expense to the fund of one hundred and ninety-four dollars, the Selectmen having appropriated a like amount in aid of the object. Knowing very nearly what the expenses must, at least, be for the ensuing year, as well as the extent of income from the fund, the Trustees are obliged to ask of the town an appropriation of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, which is the least possible sum that can meet the needs of the same.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

At the annual commencement of the school, April 6, 1880, under the charge of Mr. E. N. Lovering, principal, and Miss Augusta Bunker, assistant, there were fifty-one applicants for admission, forty-two of whom, twenty girls and twenty-two boys, being found qualified upon examination, were admitted, making the whole number in the school at the commencement, seventy-four. The average attendance during the year, $65\frac{2}{10}$, and the school has been in session thirty-eight weeks. The school works in admirable harmony with the others in town, filling the place and performing the duties which the law makes incumbent upon a High School in the educational system established by the State. The Trustees find reason to deprecate the tenacity with which some parents insist upon sending their children for admission to the school before they have finished the course in the schools below, and regardless of the advice of the School Committee to the contrary, under the mistaken idea, per-

haps, that it will be beneficial to the pupils to gain admission if, by any mistake even, they can do so, not seeming to understand that the adoption of the course of study pursued was based upon the presumption that the pupils are proficient in the lower branches before they enter here. It is quite unreasonable to suppose that very young pupils can pursue a course of High School study to anything like the advantage that those of mature age can derive therefrom ; therefore the Trustees implore the parents not to insist upon sending such, or those that have not passed through the grammar course, though they may think that they have the right to do so by the terms of the Stetson donation, which view it is very doubtful if the facts sustain, when it is considered that the donor expressed the intention to furnish the youth of the town with the means of acquiring an education beyond what the other schools of the town afford, and made the Trustees the sole judges of the qualifications of the pupils to be admitted.

Mr. Lovering, the principal, is a young man of education and culture to a degree which readily inspires confidence in his ability to perform the work that he undertakes. He is a graduate of Harvard College, and has had experience in teaching in the High School of Lexington, Mass., from whence he came here, bringing high testimonials as to character and qualifications, from various credible sources, and whither he has since been solicited to return, and accept the position of principal in said school, at a salary considerably in advance of that for which he has served us the past year. Having adopted the profession of teaching, he proposes to make it his life work, devoting his attention and energies thereto. Acquaintance and experience with him having verified that which his credentials promised, the Trustees have secured his services for the ensuing year, as well as

those of Miss Bunker, whose efficiency fully sustains the opinion expressed concerning her in a previous report. The school being in the hands of competent teachers, for the present, at least, the Trustees feel justified in assuring its patrons that it will maintain the high standing it has hitherto attained, and make such further progress as the spirit of this enlightened age shall demand, an earnest of what is promised for it being afforded by the great excellence of the thirty-seventh annual public examination which occurred March 18th inst., in the school-rooms, followed by the exhibition of the graduating class in Stetson Hall, where the diplomas were presented it, in the presence of the Trustees, the School Committee, the clergy of the town, invited guests and citizens generally; the spacious hall being filled to its utmost seating capacity. All seemed well pleased with the exercises, no utterances being heard but those of approval and entire satisfaction with the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in both places. The graduating class consisted of the following-named pupils:—

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Lizzie Dwight Leach,	Nellie Mabel Field,
Hattie Emma Towns,	Clara Wales Alden,
Katie Agnes Keirnan,	Mary Bridget DeNeill.

The plan of examining candidates for admission to the school at or near the close of the school-year, instead of at its commencement, as heretofore, has been adopted, and in accordance therewith an examination was held on March 5, at which time, out of thirty-three applicants, twenty-three being, on examination, found qualified to meet the requirements, were admitted to membership for the ensuing year. These admissions make the school quite large, perhaps larger

than ever before, and necessitate the placing of several new seats in the school-room.

The school for the ensuing year will commence on Tuesday, April 5, next, at 9 o'clock A.M.

DANIEL HOWARD,
T. T. CUSHMAN,
EDWARD KANE,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

RANDOLPH, March 21, 1881.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1880.

April.	To Exchange Bank, dividend,	\$30 00	
	Shoe and Leather Bank, dividend,	. . . . .	25 00	
	Hide and Leather Bank,	"	25 00	
	Shawmut Bank,	"	39 00	
	Boylston Bank,	"	25 00	
	Eliot Bank,	"	25 00	
	Webster Bank,	"	25 00	
	Tremont Bank,	"	30 00	
	Old Boston Bank,	"	30 00	
	Randolph Bank,	"	65 00	
			<hr/>	\$319 00
Oct.	To Exchange Bank, dividend,	. . . . .	\$30 00	
	Boylston Bank,	"	25 00	
	Shoe and Leather Bank, dividend,	. . . . .	25 00	
	Hide and Leather Bank,	"	25 00	
	Eliot Bank,	"	25 00	
	Webster Bank,	"	20 00	
	Shawmut Bank,	"	32 50	
	Tremont Bank,	"	30 00	
	Old Boston Bank,	"	20 00	
	Randolph Bank,	"	65 00	
			<hr/>	\$297 50
	One half of Town Appropriation in April,		\$625 00	
	One half Town Appropriation in Jan., 1881,		625 00	
1881,				
Jan.	To Tax refunded by State,	. . . . .	189 52	
	Rent of Hall to sundry parties during year,		140 00	
			<hr/>	\$2,196 02

WITH STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1880.

April.	By balance against the Fund from last year,	\$224 10
April 17.	By paying J. L. Hammett, bill stationery, . . .	5 10
May 22.	By paying Willard Small, bill " . . .	21 70
June 24.	By paying E. M. Lovering, three months' salary,	250 00
	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker " " . . .	125 00
	By paying Colin Boyd, labor and repairs, . . .	23 61
Aug. 4.	By paying F. Porter bill of items, . . .	18 55
Sept. 30.	By paying Miss Bunker salary, . . .	126 83
Oct. 1.	By paying Mr. Lovering salary and items . . .	255 00
	By paying J. E. Nash, bill repairs clock, . . .	2 00
Nov. 18.	By paying Colin Boyd, care of room and material,	17 66
Nov. 19.	By paying Miss Bunker salary in part (one half term),	62 50
Dec.	By paying Miss Bunker balance of term, . . .	62 50
Dec. 31.	By paying E. M. Lovering, salary one term, . . .	250 00
	By paying R. W. Turner & Co., 9 tons coal, . . .	54 00

1881.

Jan. 3.	By paying H. H. Francis part of repairs and additions,	194 62
Feb. 22.	By paying R. Jordan, repairs of rods (lightning), . . .	4 00
	By paying Mr. Lovering salary one term, . . .	250 00
	By paying Miss Bunker salary one half term, . . .	62 50
	By paying Miss Bunker " " . . .	62 50
	By paying Colin Boyd, care of room and repairs, . . .	21 51
	By paying Trustees and Secretary for services one year, \$5 each, . . .	20 00
		<hr/> \$2,113 68
Balance to new account.		82 34
		<hr/> \$1,196 02

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The balance in the treasury, eighty-two and thirty-four one-hundredths dollars. The investments remain the same as last year, in the bank stock reported by the Trustees, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the Secretary, Hon. Seth Turner.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
SIDNEY FRENCH,
ROYAL T. MANN,

RANDOLPH, March 7, 1881.

Selectmen of Randolph.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

 TRUSTEES 1880-81.
SETH TURNER, *President.*J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President.*ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE,

REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

JOHN T. FLOOD, ROYAL T. MANN, SIDNEY FRENCH,

Selectmen of Randolph, ex officiis.

BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL,

NATHANIEL HOWARD, JOHN B. THAYER,

J. WINSOR PRATT.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant.

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Articles 3d and 4th of the By-Laws require that the President (and in his absence, the Vice-President) shall annually make to the Town, before the spring meeting, a full report in writing of the condition of the Trust, the Building, Library and Funds, or he may include in his such parts of the reports before submitted to the Trustees by the various Committees, with the estimates and recommendations, as he shall deem best. The undersigned, in behalf of the Trustees, submits the following statement as the Fifth Annual Report, in conformity to said by-laws. The first requirement of the report relates to the —

TRUST.

This embraces all the property held, to wit, the building, library and investments, all of which are under the immediate care and supervision of various committees, subject to the approval of the Board. The Committee on Finance, in their report to the Trustees, state that the cash portion of the fund remains the same as formerly, and consists of a note of the Town of Randolph for \$5,000, which is in the hands of the Treasurer.

BUILDING.

The Committee who have the general care of the Library Building report to the Trustees its general good condition and its occupancy by the same parties as in previous years. No extraordinary expense will be required the present year for repairs or improvements.

LIBRARY.

Great credit is due the gentlemen composing the Library Committee for their labor, care and admirable discretion in the selection of the valuable and useful collection of books now upon our catalogue, and also for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have discharged all the important duties devolving upon them. And I cannot refrain from alluding to the feeling often expressed by the Trustees, that the Librarian and his assistant have each performed their respective duties in a highly satisfactory and creditable manner.

Year by year more importance is being attached to the advantages derived from public libraries, and the demand is steadily increasing for useful and instructive reading. The present and future standard of thought and manners of character and intelligence in any community depends in a great measure on the style of books read and examined by the patrons of its public library.

People in the various cities and towns in this Commonwealth who are already provided for, consider the Public Library as one of the great auxiliaries in educational pursuits. Such a treasure house in this generation is coveted by every intelligent community. In the last Report of the Trustees of the Library in the town of Quincy, occurs the following: "It is also a fact worthy of mention that of the four towns into which the original Braintree has been subdivided, — Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook being the other three, — Quincy the old 'North Precinct,' where the church was first gathered, was the last to be supplied with a public library building. To the Thayer Library in Braintree, the Holbrook Library in Holbrook and the Turner Library in Randolph, is now added the Thomas Crane Library in Quincy."

The semi-annual reports of the Librarian to the Trustees best show the practical workings of the Library during the year 1880, from which the following statistics are given : —

Number of days open to the public,	295
Volumes issued for six months to July 1, 1880,	11,000
Volumes issued for six months to Jan. 1, 1881,	8,685
Largest daily issue for six months to July 1, 1880,	270
Largest daily issue for six months to Jan. 1, 1881,	213
Average daily issue for six months to July 1, 1880,	72
Average daily issue for six months to Jan. 1, 1881,	62
Smallest daily issue for 1880,	2
Largest monthly issue during 1880,	2,135
Smallest monthly issue during 1880 (excluding July, in which month the Library was closed several days for examination), June,	1,438
Average monthly issue for the year,	1,640
Number of cards in use for six months to July 1, 1880,	2,041
Number of cards in use for six months to Jan. 1, 1881,	2,127
Number of volumes in the Library, Jan. 1, 1880,	6,679
Number of volumes in the Library, Jan. 1, 1881,	7,194
Additions for the year,	515

The following extract taken from the Report of the Librarian contains many interesting suggestions : —

"I find increasing pleasure in the assurance that our Public Library (the pride and boast of the village) has lost nothing of its prestige or usefulness ; but rather while serving largely to agreeably entertain many of its patrons, it is also slowly, yet surely, establishing itself as a vital link in the chain of educational agencies, and is thus creating for

itself a constant, appreciative and more enduring influence. It cannot be expected that in five short years, and in a manufacturing village, the Public Library will or can attain its legitimate sphere of influence. To reach such a standard is both desirable and salutary, and each and every means should be used which may conduce to its successful accomplishment. When the treasures of the Library are rightly appropriated, and its mission properly understood by the public, it has an educational power higher, broader and more abiding than even the much-famed Public Schools of our Commonwealth. They are but the narrow staircase leading to the great galleries of science and investigation found only in our Public Libraries. Toward this much-desired education of the popular mind much might be accomplished by the instructors of High and Grammar schools would they but recommend to their graduates such continued course of study and reading as may be freely found in the Library.

"The Library may have its abuses, but it is a great comfort to feel that we are able to accomplish very much of good. Could the public know of the meagre beginnings of some of our laboring boys, who at first were content to read only the Robinson Crusoes of our shelves, and who now are poring night after night over the deepest essays, and reveling amid the foreign classics, they would feel much had been accomplished. Since my last report the annual examination of books has been made; and every volume found upon the shelves (save only two previously reported as stolen). The examination revealed the fact that quite a number of volumes, now badly worn, must soon be replaced or condemned.

"Our Supplementary Catalogue has been completed, and is slowly finding its way into the homes of our patrons. Thus far we have heard only commendatory remarks concerning it. It certainly meets a long-felt necessity, and is

in keeping with the substantial character of our Library. In regard to the Monthly Bulletins, I have endeavored to make them somewhat more complete than in the past, thus simulating more perfectly the plan of the catalogues.

"The Trustees have instructed the Librarian to distribute gratuitously (to all persons purchasing catalogues) copies of the Bulletins as they may be published."

Catalogues can be obtained of the Librarian at prices ranging from twenty to fifty cents each.

FUNDS.

To conduct the Library the coming year to meet the wants of its patrons, the estimates from income are as follows :—

From rents,	\$600 00	
Interest on town note (cash fund),	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$900 00
Appropriations asked for from the town "dog tax" (by estimate),	\$250 00	
The Trustees respectfully request the usual appropriations made in previous years of	500 00	
	<hr/>	750 00
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		\$1,650 00

The accounts of the Treasurer herewith annexed, show the receipts and expenditures for the past year, and which have been duly audited by the proper committee.

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1880.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$1,010 41
Fines received of the Librarian,	40 65
Catalogues sold by Librarian,	4 35
Received from town "dog tax,"	258 64
Rents received from Randolph National Bank,	100 00
" " Savings Bank,	100 00
" " D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Cash received from banks for proportion of heat,	50 00
" " for proportion of light,	15 00
" from parish for " "	25 00
" from S. & R. W. Turner for proportion of light,	60 00
Cash received from town appropriation,	500 00
" from interest on town note (\$5,000 the amount of the fund),	300 00
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	\$2,864 05

Jan. 1880.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid Librarian for salary,	\$500 00
" " for services preparing new catalogue,	100 00
" for printing new catalogue,	184 50
" for repairs, gas fixtures and sundries,	23 75
" for gasoline,	144 96
" for printing,	43 00
" janitor for services,	131 99
" for sundry bills,	11 45
" for postage,	2 44
" for coal and wood,	164 00
" for expressage,	22 67

Amount paid for books, papers, pamphlets, &c., .	\$678 21
Balance on hand, deposited in Randolph Natl. Bank,	857 18
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	\$2,864 05

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

Vice-President of the Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 9, 1881.

BIRTHS.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1880.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1879.		
June 26,	Maggie B. Donkin, . . .	James M. and Louisa (Hall).
July 10,	Willie H. Porter, . . .	Daniel R. and Emma J. (Peach).
Oct. 26,	Ella C. DeNeil, . . .	Philip and Anna A. (Nash).
Nov. 16,	Hattie F. Stone, . . .	George K. and Hattie L. (Mansfield).
1880.		
Jan. 4,	Charles Gallagher, . . .	Peter and Katie (Igo).
8,	Joseph O'Connor, . . .	Michael P. and Mary (McNamarra).
12,	Chester L. Stetson, . . .	Lewis K. and Amanda J. (Huff).
12,	Annie D. Riley, . . .	James T. and Mary (McMahon).
10,	Alice Donahue, . . .	John F. and Anna F. (Jordan).
17,	Mary C. Hill, . . .	Charles D. and Mary E. (Fardy).
19,	William J. Howard, . . .	Charles F. and Lydia W. (Purrrington).
Feb. 10,	— Faunce, . . .	Hiram S. and Hannah E. (Clark).
11,	Nellie Meaney, . . .	James H. and Mary (Carroll).
19,	Walter C. Mann, . . .	Frank and Julia A. (Delano).
20,	George E. Easton, . . .	George E. and Margaret (Shepard).
26,	Patrick F. Sullivan, . . .	Michael and Mary (Sullivan).
25,	Francis McLaughlan, . . .	Patrick H. and Elizabeth R. (Kerrigan).
March 4,	John Dunn, . . .	John J. and Catherine (Green).
8,	Michael Brady, . . .	James and Margaret (Cahill).
10,	Arthur M. Beal, . . .	Frank M. and Anna W. (Belcher).
20,	Alice Dennehey, . . .	Daniel D. and Margaret (McConety).
22,	Richard Powers, . . .	John and Anna (Rogers).
28,	Lena E. Jones, . . .	George W. and Olive M. (Hayden).
31,	Elizabeth A. Johnston, . . .	John and Elizabeth (Doonor).
31,	Arthur Denning, . . .	Philip and Bridget (McAuley).
28,	Anne F. Moran, . . .	Thomas and Joanna (McAuliffe).
April 1,	Jennie Neary, . . .	James E. and Anna C. (DeNeil).
7,	Maud L. Pratt, . . .	William H. and Marion L. (Walker).
12,	George Cass, . . .	Edward D. and Sarah G. (Frawley).
22,	Charles L. Barry, . . .	Thomas D. and Frances M. (Hogan).
18,	Amy L. Thompson, . . .	James and Susan M. (Pool).
30,	Mary E. Donohue, . . .	Thomas and Ellen (Mullins).
May 5,	Walter E. Slader, . . .	Byron and Millie R. (Smith).
7,	Louisa Dexter, . . .	George and Ellen A. (Keefe).
11,	James P. Riley, . . .	Thomas F. and Bridget E. (Bohan).
18,	Mary L. Hayden, . . .	William H. and Lizzie A. (Drury).
18,	Harold F. Howard, . . .	Edgar and Frances O. (Cross).
28,	Herbert Jones, . . .	Soriano M. and Mary E. (Orcutt).
June 5,	Nellie F. Rooney, . . .	Peter T. and Ellen T. (Donnovan).
6,	Edwin M. Stetson, . . .	William M. and Grace E. (Hobart).
12,	James H. Barry, . . .	Thomas G. and Nellie F. (Sullivan).
19,	Julia Fitzgerald, . . .	Jeremiah and Mary A. (Smith).
23,	Vintie Clark, . . .	Benjamin L. and Lucy A. (Myers).
26,	Charles F. Sheridan, . . .	Patrick H. and Catharine E. (Blanch).
26,	William E. Foley, . . .	James E. and Margaret (Barry).
24,	John Kelliher, . . .	Denis and Rose H. (Riley).
30,	— Chase, . . .	Augustus L. and Mary L. (Mann).
July 2,	Ralph K. Corliss, . . .	Simon B. and Susan (Kingsbury).
6,	James McLaughlan, . . .	James D. and Mary E. A. (Kerrigan).
6,	Kate O'Neil, . . .	Timothy and Ellen M. (Davis).
10,	Jennie E. Eddy, . . .	George F. and Mary E. (Glover).
10,	Hugh Gerrity, . . .	James H. and Mary J. (Barry).
13,	Frances McLaughlan, . . .	Wm. F. Morrissey and Marg't T. McLaughlan

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1880. — CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July 15,	Patrick Kinnier, . . .	Patrick and Joanna C. (Burke).
22,	Grace W. Belcher, . . .	Benjamin and Caroline A. (Billings).
20,	Wilfred A. Bearse, . . .	J. Frank and Kate (Brightman).
Aug. 1,	Isabel T. Perry, . . .	Edward A. and Martha E. (Turner).
7,	Hattie Good, . . .	William E. and Maria (Kelliher).
15,	Edith A. Shedd, . . .	Henry H. and Sarah J. (Chessman).
24,	Ellen T. McAuliffe, . . .	Robert and Ellen (Cousins).
30,	Lawrence E. Hayes, . . .	Andrew E. and Mary F. (Beman).
31,	Frank L. Jones, . . .	James M. and Sarah M. (Whitten).
31,	Ellen A. McAuliffe, . . .	Robert and Anne M. (Barry).
Sept. 2,	Clara A. Whiting, . . .	Jared and Emma W. (Maee).
4,	Margaret H. Uniac, . . .	Richard and Elizabeth J. (Chhill).
1,	Corra A. Baker, . . .	Minot W. and Emma A. (Fritts).
6,	Flora M. Flint, . . .	Charles and Mabel A. (Cragin).
8,	Margaret McAuliffe, . . .	Richard and Margaret (McSweeney).
14,	Anna C. Devine, . . .	James and Mary A. (Eddy).
22,	Oscar W. Holbrook, . . .	Morton and Melinda C. (Hollis).
25,	Lottie E. Holbrook, . . .	Enos and Sarah M. (Burrell).
30,	Alice Sullivan, . . .	John F. and Sarah C. (Bennison).
Oct. 1,	Arthur Gorstle, . . .	Harry W. and Anna P. (Simmons).
14,	George L. Binney, . . .	George L. and Jeanette (Wilbur).
15,	Ella Forrest, . . .	Augustus and Margaret (Reynolds).
16,	William Clark, . . .	Patrick and Mary (Sweeney).
18,	Wade C. Belcher, . . .	Joseph and Anna M. (Wild).
19,	Maggie A. English, . . .	Thomas and Fanny E. (Hogan).
22,	John F. Mahoney, . . .	Patrick F. and Ellen F. (Pope).
30,	Gertie B. Johnson, . . .	George M. and Hannah C. (Burrell).
Nov. 4,	Theressa Pope, . . .	David and Elizabeth (Dennehey).
12,	Mary C. Toomey, . . .	Daniel and Mary A. (Meane).
12,	Ellen F. Lynch, . . .	Thomas and Alice B. (Carey).
20,	John H. Bowman, . . .	John S. and Maggie A. (Birdsall).
23,	Katie F. Smith, . . .	Martin F. and Mary E. (Callahan).
23,	— Alden, . . .	Frederick H. and Josephine C. (Gadon).
25,	Elizabeth Clark, . . .	James W. and Mary (Bentley).
Dec. 3,	— Bauernmeister, . . .	George H. and Henrietta C. (Paine).
8,	Mary J. Kennedy, . . .	Nicholas and Margaret E. (Rooney).
10,	E'len E. Hurley, . . .	William W. and Catharine J. (Hogan).
19,	Charles Mahoney, . . .	Patrick and Rosanna (Heart).
19,	Bartholomew Mahoney, . . .	Bartholomew and Mary (Builer).
21,	Lena Maria Fretterton, . . .	William F. and Maria E. (Shankland).
18,	John Heney, . . .	John and Martha (McMullen).
19,	John Sanderson, . . .	Thomas H. and Mary A. (Trainor).

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1880.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan.	7, William H. White,	Randolph,	19
	Anna M. Donohue,	"	18
	18, Joseph Fisher,	Brockton,	27
	Margaret T. Howard,	Randolph,	24
	20, Charles Franklin Wild,	Randolph,	24
	Ellen Palmer King,	"	22
	22, William O. Keefe,	Randolph,	25
	Julia A. Crosby,	"	22
	Feb. 10, Ephraim Wood,	Brockton,	21
	Catharine J. Murray,	Stoughton,	21
March	8, Wilder B. Hodsdon,	Cambridge,	20
	Lottie C. Pero,	Randolph,	18
	28, Thomas DeVine,	Randolph,	52
	Catharine Shevlin (Dillon),	Boston,	48
	30, Albert Augustus Drollet,	Braintree,	20
April	Orianna Holbrook,	"	18
	10, Walter Augustus Thayer,	Braintree,	22
	Abbie Salena Bowers,	"	24
	19, John Shaler Pierson,	Braintree,	28
	Ida Francis Kingsley,	Holbrook,	24
May	8, John H. Galligan,	Stoughton,	21
	Ida E. Thayer,	"	23
	12, George Belcher Nichols,	Randolph,	24
	Laura F. Bryant,	"	22
	20, Abraham G. Swain,	Randolph,	66
	Sarah F. Tucker,	Cambridge,	36
	25, William J. Tirrell,	Boston,	26
	Cora, Francis May,	Randolph,	21
	27, John Farquhar,	Randolph,	47
	Mary Coyle (McDermott),	"	44
	30, Walter Otis Crooker,	Holbrook,	23
	Ella Louise Gardner,	"	20
	30, Willie Albert Tabor,	Randolph,	23
	Annie E. Sullivan,	"	21
	June 1, John R. McGaughey,	Randolph,	25
	Mary A. Barry,	Holbrook,	24
	10, Guy Francis Wheeler,	Randolph,	22
	Clara Augusta Haskell,	Beverly,	24
	19, William C. Howard,	Randolph,	21
	Mary E. Williams,	"	20
June	23, Thomas Devine, Jr.,	Randolph,	24
	Mary Elizabeth Dorr,	"	19

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1880. — CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
June 23,	William Henry Pratt,	Braintree,	22
	Agnes Pratt,	Weymouth,	17
30,	John F. McGarrigle,	Randolph,	23
	Mary E. Gray,	"	23
July 1,	John Barrett,	Randolph,	28
	Mary E. Shepard,	"	23
Aug. 5,	Andrew Edmund Hayes, . . .	Randolph,	25
	Mary Frances Breenan, . . .	Stoughton,	23
July 14,	Preston Abbott,	Randolph,	29
	Abbie M. Deane,	"	30
Aug. 26,	Cornelius Good,	Randolph,	35
	Mary Welch,	"	27
Sept. 6,	John P. Ryan,	Jamaica Plain,	30
	Jennie Kiley,	Randolph,	24
6,	Henry Long,	Randolph,	36
	Bridget Powers,	"	27
23,	Eugene Howard,	Boston,	25
	Sarah Ann Gibbons,	Randolph,	25
30,	Patrick H. Kenny,	Stoughton,	25
	Mary C. O'Donnell,	"	20
Oct. 14,	Jeremiah J. Lynch,	Randolph,	29
	Anna D. Powderly,	"	23
29,	David P. McGaughey,	Randolph,	24
	Catharine E. Powers,	"	20
Nov. 7,	James Francis Gaynor,	Randolph,	26
	Mary P. Morgan,	"	19
8,	William Campbell,	Randolph,	29
	Rose Ward,	"	22
11,	John J. Kiley,	Randolph,	21
	Mary A. Dunrey,	Canton,	23
16,	George F. Beal,	Stoughton,	24
	Anne L. Dinter,	Randolph,	24
17,	John W. Moy,	Boston,	29
	Rose Quinn,	Randolph,	27
24,	Thomas J. Smith,	Brockton,	26
	Mary Ann Ward,	Randolph,	24
24,	Leonard P. Hunt,	Holbrook,	30
	Mary A. Holbrook,	Randolph,	30
Dec. 14,	Hiram H. Elliot,	Morgan, Vt.,	31
	Emma Elliot,	Randolph,	31
24,	Theodore C. Thompson,	Randolph,	21
	Lillian M. French,	"	21
25,	Charles E. Bump,	Randolph,	23
	Ada F. Otis,	Stoughton,	23
26.	Albert DeCosta,	Braintree,	21
	Mary Alice Haggerty,	Randolph,	19

DEATHS.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1880.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 5,	Nancy A. Clark (Spear), . . .	68	4	14	Heart Disease.
16,	— Jones, . . .	—	—	2	Convulsions.
19,	Isabel O. Beal (Worcester), . . .	62	9	28	Pneumonia.
20,	James Lee Malley, . . .	—	5	24	Hydrocephalus.
23,	Michael Quinn, . . .	92	5	—	Old Age.
27,	George O. Cox, . . .	26	—	27	Consumption.
29,	Frank P. Chase, . . .	3	—	—	Cerebro-Spin'l Meningitis.
Feb. 4,	Charles M. Holbrook, . . .	46	11	4	Inflammation Brain.
4,	Edward Nash, . . .	71	11	—	Heart Disease.
6,	George S. Bennett, . . .	44	2	—	Consumption.
10,	Elvira B. Conant (Beal), . . .	73	11	2	Apoplexy.
14,	Elisha F. Thayer, . . .	34	3	11	Cancer of Liver.
16,	Elisha Holbrook, . . .	86	9	13	Old Age.
16,	Charlotte Buck (Dyer), . . .	66	11	11	Erysipelas.
17,	Augustus E. Forrest, . . .	—	11	9	Membraneous Croup.
17,	William Campbell, . . .	56	3	—	Pneumonia.
17,	— Faunce, . . .	—	—	7	Infantile.
23,	Ellen McAuliffe Donohue, . . .	52	—	—	Cancer of Womb.
27,	Catharine Driscoll (Harrington), . . .	70	9	—	Typhoid Pneumonia.
27,	John Welch, . . .	61	8	3	Consumption.
28,	Katie A. O'Brien, . . .	17	6	1	Phthisis.
Mar. 3,	Hannah Morrill (Mann), . . .	65	11	—	Intestinal Obstruction.
5,	Augusta E. Jones (Stevenson), . . .	22	3	11	Peritonitis.
8,	Catharine Callahan, . . .	70	—	—	Pneumonia.
12,	Margaret Watson (Holbrook), . . .	76	5	7	Old Age.
16,	Betsy Eddy (Marshall), . . .	52	10	3	Peritonitis.
19,	Catharine A. McLaughlin, . . .	3	3	7	Meningitis.
23,	Chester L. Stetson, . . .	—	2	11	Infantile.
Apr. 8,	Mary Agnes Meany, . . .	15	3	28	Consumption.
8,	Henry P. Piper, . . .	21	2	17	Typhoid Fever.
9,	Mary O'Connell (McNamarra), . . .	34	—	—	Acute Larangitis.
9,	John O'Brien, . . .	69	4	—	Consumption.
May 6,	Elizabeth Coulin (Fynn), . . .	99	6	2	Old Age.
14,	Lucinda Littlefield (Sherman), . . .	83	9	28	Congestion of Lungs.
15,	Mary Holbrook (Chaffin), . . .	77	5	8	Old Age.
20,	Hannah T. Ainslee (Stetson), . . .	26	7	1	Inflammation Brain.
June 3,	John Victory, . . .	79	6	—	Dropsy.
5,	John Nugent, . . .	52	—	—	Peritonitis.
5,	Edward Meighan, . . .	60	5	—	Paralysis.
9,	Perez A. Cushing, . . .	72	10	26	Marasmus.
28,	Hiram Wilson, . . .	60	2	28	Dissipation.
July 7,	Cassander Littlefield, . . .	43	3	29	Phthisis.
8,	N. Etta Delano, . . .	24	8	8	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
23,	James Gerald, . . .	82	6	—	Heart Disease.
29,	James T. Bohan, . . .	22	2	12	Heart Disease.
30,	Maud L. Pratt, . . .	—	3	23	Cholera Infantum.
Aug. 5,	John O'Reilly, . . .	5	1	14	Typhoid Fever.
21,	Frederick M. Thompson, . . .	83	2	1	Bright's Disease.
26,	Julia A. Farrell (Mulligan), . . .	55	—	—	Gastro Entoritis.
31,	Mary Carey (Muloaney), . . .	61	—	—	Killed on R.R. track.
Sept. 6,	Vellie H. Deane, . . .	59	5	8	Pul. Hemorrhage, Cong.
15,	Clarissa W. Burton (Sweetser), . . .	69	8	16	Paralysis.
16,	Margaret O'Brien (Callahan), . . .	65	—	—	Pleuropispneumy.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1880.—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 20,	Mary E. Leahy,	16	10	—	Consumption.
25,	Timothy O'Neill,	69	—	—	Consumption.
25,	Elmer E. Jones,	5	4	28	Cerebro-Spin'l Meningitis.
Oct. 1,	Elizabeth A. Pool (Dyer),	60	4	24	Heart Disease.
19,	Gerald Gerrity,	40	9	6	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
19,	William H. Simpson,	43	4	24	Consumption.
24,	Samuel Peirce,	69	7	—	Apoplexy.
29,	Jane Shea (Meany),	64	—	—	Heart Disease.
Nov. 2,	Lawrence Carney,	43	7	—	Killed on Railroad.
13,	Jacob Luteman,	76	5	11	Old Age.
21,	Helen Meany,	1	9	11	Cerebro-Spin'l Meningitis.
21,	Margaret T. Riley (Reily),	41	3	14	Childbed.
21,	— Riley,	—	—	—	Stillborn.
24,	Ellen Barry (Sullivan),	54	—	—	Quick Consumption.
26,	Mary Leach (Dickerman),	57	10	6	Phthisis.
30,	Sukey F. Alden,	75	9	7	Heart Disease.
Dec. 9,	Elanor L. Wilkins,	53	—	—	Erysipelas.
22,	— Thayer,	—	—	—	Stillborn.
Mar. 27,	— Brady,	—	—	—	Stillborn.
Apr. 11,	— Fardy,	—	—	—	Stillborn.

Any person perceiving any error in the returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are requested to report the same to the Town Clerk that they may be corrected.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Bright's disease ; convulsions ; cancer (liver) ; cancer (womb) ; cholera infantum ; croup (men) ; childbed ; congestion (lungs) ; dropsy ; dissipation ; ententis (gatro) ; hydrocephalus ; hemorrhage (pulmonary) ; intestinal obstruction ; larangitis (acute) ; marasmus ; pneumonia (typhoid) ; pneumonia (pleuro), — one each. apoplexy ; erysipelas ; killed on railroad track ; infantile ; typhoid fever ; paralysis ; phthisis pulmonalis ; brain (infla.), — two each. Phthisis ; pneumonia ; peritonitis, — three each. Cerebro-spinal meningitis ; still-born, — four each. Old age, six. Heart disease, seven. Consumption, nine.

Under 5 years of age,	.	.	.	.	.	9
Between 5 and 10,	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ 10 “ 20,	.	.	.	.	.	3
“ 20 “ 30,	.	.	.	.	.	6
“ 30 “ 40,	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ 40 “ 50,	.	.	.	.	.	7
“ 50 “ 60,	.	.	.	.	.	9
“ 60 “ 70,	.	.	.	.	.	15
“ 70 “ 80,	.	.	.	.	.	10
“ 80 “ 90,	.	.	.	.	.	4
“ 90 “ 100,	.	.	.	.	.	2
Still-born,	.	.	.	.	.	4
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	73

I hereby certify that the preceding returns are correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 NORFOLK, SS. }

TO HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the
 Town of Randolph, in said County,* GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely,—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting. Also a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of enforcing the law in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town during the ensuing year, as petitioned for by John C. Labaree and sixteen others.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 8. To decide on the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 9. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 10. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and the pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take relative to the purchasing of fire-extinguishers, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 15. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles, Post 110.

ART. 16. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to remove the ledge on North Street, opposite the residence of S. W. Willard, and raise and appropriate money for the same, as petitioned for by S. W. Willard and others.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to a claim of Francis Smith for damage occasioned by

the recent repairs on North Street, as petitioned for by Francis Smith and ten others.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 19. To see if the town will abolish the present highway surveyor system, and elect one surveyor of highways.

ART. 20. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising and making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library ; also to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the ensuing year to the use of said library.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party, or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will instruct the Treasurer to pay all demand notes against the said town, and authorize said Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money for the payment of said notes.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1881.

ART. 26. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-first day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
SIDNEY FRENCH,
ROYAL T. MANN,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: HENRY H. FRANCIS.

Constable of Randolph.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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DEPARTMENT, AND TREASURER

OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1881-82.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN T. FLOOD. ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

WINSLOW BATTLES	Term expires April 1, 1882.
GEORGE H. WILKINS	" " " 1, 1883.
JAMES MOLLOY	" " " 1, 1884.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	Term expires April 1, 1882.
EDWARD KANE	" " " 1, 1883.
DANIEL HOWARD	" " " 1, 1884.

Auditors.

ROYAL W. TURNER. CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.
JAMES BURKE, JR.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	HENRY H. FRANCIS.
HENRY H. SHEDD.	FRANK J. DONOHUE.
E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.	SAMUEL A. FOSTER.

JAMES E. NEARY.

Fence Viewers.

RICHARD STEVENS. EPHRIAM MANN. ADAM F. JONES.

Engineers of Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, <i>Chief Engineer.</i>	JOHN B. WREN, <i>Clerk.</i>
LEVI WILBUR.	JAMES E. NEARY. HENRY H. FRANCIS.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-Up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

DAVID H. BLANCHARD,	GEORGE E. CRAIG,
of Stoughton.	of Walpole.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Randolph respectfully submit the annual report of appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1, 1882.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,700 00
Stetson High School,	1,250 00
repairs of highways,	4,000 00
general town expenses,	10,000 00
reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
fire department,	1,550 00
steam fire engine,	6,000 00
fire extinguisher,	800 00
Turner Free Library,	500 00
enforcement of liquor law,	500 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
County tax,	1,668 00
State tax,	2,055 00
Total,	<u>\$42,123 00</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1, 1881.

Real estate,	\$1,468,300 00
Personal estate,	601,320 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	290,522 52

Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	\$163,559 96
Total valuation,	\$2,523,702 48

Rate of taxation May 1, 1881, \$17.00 on \$1000.

Average rate in the State May 1, 1881, \$14.78 on \$1000.

Number of polls, May 1, 1881,	1,240
of dwellings, May 1, 1881,	768 $\frac{3}{8}$
of horses, May 1, 1881,	355
of cows, May 1, 1881,	226
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1881,	5,804 $\frac{3}{4}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1882.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$10,500 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
One fire-engine, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	1,725 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,150 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh,	600 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6,	1,650 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank,	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00

Turner Free Library and land,	\$40,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library fund,	5,000 00
Total,	<u>\$141,865 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills by direction of School Committee for financial year ending March 1, 1882. For items see report of School Committee.

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,717 94
sundry persons for fuel,	360 80
sundry persons for care of rooms,	468 98
miscellaneous expenses,	<u>1,815 60</u>

Total, \$9,363 32

Paid appropriation for Stetson High School, . 1,250 00

Total, \$10,613 32

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$8,700 00
Town appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,250 00
State school fund and interest,	275 32
Coddington fund,	<u>102 00</u>

Total, \$10,327 32

Included in the expenditures for schools is cash refunded to the Town Treasurer for books

sold,	371 83
Stock of books on hand,	107 00
Uncollected bills,	<u>75 00</u>
Total,	\$553 83

Expenditures less than appropriation, . . . \$267 83

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$46,455.46 :

On account of schools, teaching, fuel, and care	
of rooms,	\$7,547 72
of repairs and incidentals,	1,815 60
of Stetson High School,	1,250 00
of highways,	4,431 79
of removing snow,	1,104 91
of funeral expenses,	271 50
of State aid,	2,279 50
of State aid (under law of 1879),	1,851 00
of fire department,	3,109 68
of abatement of taxes,	352 90
of town officers,	1,544 09
of steam fire-engine and extinguisher,	6,413 70
of fire inquest,	67 10
of miscellaneous expenses,	2,720 52
of poor in almshouse,	2,846 41
of poor out of almshouse,	5,587 29
of belonging to Randolph and Hol-	
Holbrook (military),	1,719 89
of poor of other towns,	1,148 70
of State paupers and tramps,	393 16
Total,	<hr/> \$46,455 46

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Repairs under the Direction of Surveyors.

DISTRICT NO. 1, ISAAC N. LINFIELD, *Surveyor.*

Paid Isaac N. Linfield, team-work, 31 days, . . .	\$108 50
John Wales, team-work, 8 days,	24 00

Lawrence Jones, team-work, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days, . .	\$8 40
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, 13 days, .	22 75
John Desmond, for labor, 13 days, . .	22 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, $11\frac{3}{5}$ days, . .	20 21
Thomas Duff, for labor, $10\frac{2}{5}$ days, . .	18 20
Joseph Maher, for labor, 9 days, . .	15 75
Michael J. McLaughlin, for labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	11 37
Thomas Pryor, for labor, 5 days, . .	8 75
Patrick McLaughlin, for labor, $4\frac{1}{5}$ days, .	7 35
William Broad, for labor, 4 days, . .	7 00
Patrick Flood, for labor, 4 days, . .	7 00
John Wales, for 298 loads of gravel, .	23 84
Moses C. Beal, for 62 loads of gravel, .	6 20
Isaac N. Linfield, for repairing tools, .	1 60
Total,	<hr/> \$313 67

DISTRICT NO. 3, JAMES RILEY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Josiah Clark, team-work, 25 days, 2 horses, .	\$125 00
Josiah Clark, team-work, 10 days, 1 horse, .	35 11
Martin P. Pike, team-work, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days, two horses,	16 20
James Riley, for labor, $26\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	53 40
Patrick Flood, for labor, 17 days, . .	29 75
Thomas Duff, for labor, $15\frac{1}{5}$ days, . .	26 60
Thomas Johnston, for labor, $14\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	25 38
James Slowey, for labor, 14 days, . .	24 50
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	21 87
John Desmond, for labor, 12 days, . .	21 00
Patrick Barry, for labor, 12 days, . .	21 00
Dennis Sullivan, for labor, 7 days, . .	12 25
Walter A. Jones, for labor, $6\frac{1}{5}$ days, . .	10 85
Andrew Tracey, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	9 63

Paid Patrick Mahon, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	\$6 13
Ebenezer Holbrook, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	6 13
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	5 60
Matthew Graham, for labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	5 60
Martin Holbrook, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Lewis Jones, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Alva M. Nightingale, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Michael Sheridan, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
James Brady, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	2 63
Jedediah French, for labor, $1\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	2 40
Frank Wentworth, for labor, $1\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	2 10
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Eugene Wilbur, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Lemuel Wentworth, for labor, $\frac{1}{10}$ day, . . .	20
Amasa S. Niles, for 191 loads of gravel, . . .	19 10
George L. Binney, for 107 loads of gravel, . . .	10 70
Joshua Hunt, for 60 loads of gravel, . . .	6 00
Josiah Clark, for 18 loads of gravel, . . .	1 80
George B. Goodrich, for drain-pipe, . . .	8 91
George R. Porter, for repairs, . . .	1 20
Total,	<hr/> \$530 29

DISTRICT NO. 5, MARTIN L. EDDY, *Surveyor*.

• Paid Rufus A. Thayer, team-work, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	\$26 25
Francis E. Stetson, team-work, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	22 75
George Kennedy, team-work, 2 days, . . .	7 00
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	30 10
Sylvanus Thayer, for labor, $15\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	27 65
Angelo A. Burbank, for labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	13 12
Alva M. Nightingale, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	9 62
William Farnham, for labor, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	4 02
Leonard Pierce, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50

Paid Albert W. Stetson, for labor, 2 days,	\$3 50
Roswell Eddy, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
Martin L. Eddy, for 186 loads of gravel,	18 60
Amasa Clark, for 133 loads of gravel,	13 30
Total,	<hr/> \$180 28

DISTRICT NO. 6, WILLIAM WHITE, *Surveyor*.

Paid William White, Jr., team-work, 16 days,.	\$48 00
James Keenan, team-work, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	19 50
Martin P. Pike, team-work, $4\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	16 80
James Carroll, team-work, 2 days, . . .	6 00
James Irvine, team-work, $\frac{7}{10}$ days. . . .	2 00
William White, for labor, $33\frac{1}{7}$ days, . . .	58 00
James Blythe, for labor, 13 days, . . .	22 75
James Sutton, for labor, 12 days, . . .	21 00
James Keenan, for labor, $11\frac{3}{4}$ days, . . .	18 80
Lawrence J. White, for labor, 7 days . . .	12 25
Patrick Crosby, for labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	11 37
William White, Jr., for labor 5 days, . . .	8 75
Jemes Barry, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Jedediah French, for labor, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	5 60
Maurice Kiley, for labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days, . . .	6 56
William Sheilds, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John B. McGraine, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Matthew Graham, for labor, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	4 90
Thomas Duff, for labor, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	4 90
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $2\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	4 90
Edward White, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
John Desmond, 2d, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	4 37
Walter A. Jones, for labor, $1\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	3 15
William Barry, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 00
John Meany, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	2 62

Paid William C. Barry, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$2 62
James Carroll, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Frederick Miller, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
James Kinsley, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
Patrick McMahon, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
William White, for bridge-stone,	5 00
D. R. Porter, for repairing tools,	1 50
Frederic Chandler, for 115 loads of gravel,	5 75
John L. Manning, for 84 loads of gravel,	4 20
Amasa Niles, 4 loads of gravel,	20
Total,	<hr/> \$332 48

DISTRICT NO. 7, THOMAS GOOD, *Surveyor*.

Paid David Good, team-work, 6 days,	\$21 00
Thomas Good, team-work, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	8 75
Thomas Pryor, for labor, $8\frac{4}{5}$ days	15 39
James Harris, for labor, $7\frac{9}{10}$ days,	13 83
Thomas Good, for labor, $6\frac{4}{5}$ days,	11 90
James G. Hurley, for labor, $6\frac{1}{5}$ days,	10 85
Thomas Donahoe, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Patrick Bohan, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 38
James Lyons, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Paid Moses C. Beal, for 104 loads of gravel,	10 40
Daniel Elliott, for 65 loads of gravel,	5 20
Daniel Leahy, 3 loads of gravel,	30
Thomas Fardy & Son, for repairing tools,	1 65
Edward A. Perry, repairs,	50
Total,	<hr/> \$112 90

DISTRICT NO. 8, THOMAS MORAN, *Surveyor*.

Paid Thomas Moran, team-work, $45\frac{3}{5}$ days,	\$161 98
Michael McAuliffe, team-work, 4 days,	12 00

Paid Robert McAullife, team-work, 4 days,	. \$12 00
Martin B. Pike, team-work, $\frac{2}{5}$ days,	. 2 40
Dennis Sullivan, for labor, $46\frac{1}{10}$ days,	. 80 40
Michael Sheridan, for labor, $17\frac{2}{5}$ days,	. 30 43
Patrick McMahon, for labor, $11\frac{1}{10}$ days,	. 19 41
John Crosby, for labor, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. 16 63
Patrick Flood, for labor, $8\frac{3}{5}$ days,	. 15 04
Patrick Barry, for labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. 14 87
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, 6 days,	. 10 50
William Sheilds, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. 7 87
Owen Sullivan, for labor, $2\frac{3}{5}$ days,	. 4 50
Joseph Crosby, for labor, 2 days,	. 3 50
Thomas Moran, for labor, $1\frac{4}{5}$ days,	. 3 35
Thomas O'Holloran, for labor, 5 days,	. 8 75
Michael Morgan, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. 2 62
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	. 1 00
James Fitzgerald, for labor, 1 day,	. 1 75
Jedediah French, for labor, $\frac{2}{5}$ days,	. 80
Matthew Graham, for labor, $\frac{2}{5}$ days,	. 70
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $\frac{2}{5}$ days,	. 70
Adam Jones, for labor,	. 50
Daniel B. White, for lantern,	. 87
B. L. Wales, for 343 loads of gravel,	. 34 35
Thomas Fardy & Son, for repairing tools,	. 1 75
Martin F. Smith, for removing a tree,	. 1 50
Total,	. 450 17
Less loam sold,	. 10 50
Total,	. \$439 67

DISTRICT NO. 10, MARTIN P. PIKE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days, 2 horses,	\$46 00
Josiah Clark, team-work, 3 days, 2 horses,	15 00

Paid Royal T. Mann, team-work, 3 days, 2 horses,	\$15 00
Matthew Graham, for labor, $14\frac{3}{10}$ days,	25 02
Walter A. Jones, for labor, $12\frac{1}{7}$ days,	21 10
Jedediah French, for labor, $10\frac{3}{10}$ days,	20 60
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $8\frac{7}{10}$ days,	15 22
Thomas Duff, for labor, $7\frac{1}{10}$ days,	12 42
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, $6\frac{2}{5}$ days,	11 55
Patrick Flood, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	8 92
Lewis Jones, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	8 92
John Desmond, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	8 92
Patrick Feeney, for labor, $4\frac{2}{5}$ days,	8 05
Frederic Winnett, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 37
George B. Dench, for labor, $2\frac{1}{10}$ days,	3 67
Edward Gallagher, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $\frac{5}{8}$ day,	1 25
Patrick Barry, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
S. M. Clark, for labor,	75
Amasa Clark, for 189 loads of gravel,	18 90
Aaron Prescott, 144 loads of gravel,	11 19
Total,	<hr/> \$260 34

SOUTH MAIN STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN
P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $13\frac{2}{5}$ days, 2 horses,	\$70 35
Jedediah French, for labor, $13\frac{4}{10}$ days,	26 80
Lewis Jones, for labor, $13\frac{4}{10}$ days,	23 45
Matthew Graham, for labor, $13\frac{4}{10}$ days,	23 45
S. Melvin Clark, for labor, $13\frac{4}{10}$ days,	23 45
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 12 days,	21 70
Thomas Duff, for labor, 11 days,	19 95
Thomas Pryor, for labor, $8\frac{2}{5}$ days,	15 05
Walter A. Jones, for labor, 2 days,	3 50

Paid Moses C. Beal, for 364 loads of gravel,	\$36 40
Morrison M. Alden, for plank,	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$265 60
Cr. John B. Thayer and others for gravel,	37 00
	<hr/> \$228 60

UNION STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P.
PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $6\frac{3}{10}$ days, 2 horses, \$31 50	
Jedediah French, for labor, 6 days,	12 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	10 32
Thomas Duff, for labor, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	10 32
John Desmond, for labor, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	10 32
James Lyons, for labor, 6 days,	10 50
Moses Mann, for labor, 4 days,	8 00
William Gill, for labor, 4 days,	8 00
Walter A. Jones, for labor, 4 days,	7 00
Matthew Graham, for labor, $3\frac{9}{10}$ days,	5 82
George B. Dench, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 12
George Peirce, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Lewis Jones, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Moses C. Beal, for 27 loads of gravel,	2 70
Moses Mann, for stone,	1 25
Total,	<hr/> \$129 35

EXTRA REPAIRS ON MAIN, SHORT, NORTH AND WARREN
STREETS, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid John Turner & Co. for paving,	\$65 00
Martin P. Pike, team-work, $18\frac{1}{20}$ days, 2 horses,	90 25
Josiah Clark, team-work, $5\frac{1}{20}$ days, 2 horses,	29 25

Paid John Desmond, for labor, $25\frac{9}{10}$ days,	\$45 32
Matthew Graham, for labor, $25\frac{4}{5}$ days,	45 15
Thomas Duff, for labor, $21\frac{3}{5}$ days,	37 80
George B. Dench, for labor, $20\frac{9}{10}$ days,	36 58
James Lyons, for labor, $20\frac{9}{10}$ days,	36 58
Jedediah French, for labor, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days,	35 00
Walter A. Jones, for labor, $17\frac{3}{10}$ days,	30 28
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $11\frac{1}{10}$ days,	19 43
Patrick Flood, for labor, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	10 33
John B. Thayer, for labor, $5\frac{4}{10}$ days,	13 50
Patrick Barry, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 86
William Gill, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
George Peirce, for labor, 1 day,	2 00
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, $1\frac{7}{10}$ days,	2 95
Owen Sullivan, for labor, $\frac{9}{10}$ day,	1 58
William B. Hathaway, for boarding pavers,	14 86
John B. Thayer, for drain-pipe and cement,	3 02
John B. Thayer, for 10 fares to Boston,	4 00
Nathaniel Noyes, for plank,	2 50
Moses C. Beal, for 212 loads of gravel,	21 20
Thomas F. Lynch, for 140 loads of gravel,	17 50
Thomas Harris, for 10 loads of sand,	1 67
Total,	\$576 61

NORTH STREET REPAIRS, *under direction of* MARTIN P.
PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, $35\frac{3}{5}$ days, 2 horses,	\$178 00
Martin P. Pike, team-work, $13\frac{7}{10}$ days, 1 horse,	47 95
William Gill, for labor, $48\frac{1}{2}$ days,	97 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 49 days,	84 75

Paid Daniel Kiley, labor, $43\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	\$86 30
Moses Mann, for labor, $38\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	77 00
George B. Dench, for labor, $43\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	75 60
Jedediah French, for labor, $37\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	74 40
Lewis Jones, for labor, $42\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	74 38
Matthew Graham, for labor, $40\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	71 19
John Desmond, for labor, 33 days, . . .	57 75
Thomas Duff, for labor, $31\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	55 12
Patrick Flood, for labor, $26\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	46 20
Walter A. Jones, for labor, $13\frac{2}{5}$ days, . . .	23 45
George Peirce, for labor, $9\frac{9}{10}$ days, . . .	19 90
Edward Gallagher, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
James Lyons, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	2 62
Amasa Clark, for 63 loads of gravel, . . .	6 30
Thomas Lynch, for 53 loads of gravel, . . .	5 30
James Gogan, for 181 loads of filling, . . .	4 43
Lewis Jones, for bridge-stone, . . .	1 00
George Belcher, for bridge-stone, . . .	75
James Shea, for sharpening drills, . . .	2 64
George H. Sampson, for rendrock, . . .	20 00
George D. Goodrich, for drain-pipe, . . .	4 62
Thomas Lynch, for land, . . .	100 00
Simon B. Corliss, for labor and material, . . .	24 87
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$1247 77

STONE PICKING, *under direction of* MARTIN P. PIKE.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others . . .	\$79 83
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$79 83

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others . . .	\$174 78
William White and others . . .	199 94

Paid Martin P. Pike and others,	\$321 75
Thomas Good and others,	92 80
Martin L. Eddy and others,	90 41
James Riley and others,	182 63
Thomas Ward and others,	12 60
A. J. Gove,	30 00
Total,	<u>\$1104 91</u>

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 87 funerals	\$268 50
Ralph Houghton, summoning medical ex- aminer	3 00
Total	<u>\$271 50</u>

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), . .	\$2279 50
Total,	<u>\$2279 50</u>

STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), . .	\$1851 00
Total,	<u>\$1851 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see for items Engineers' Report),	\$3109 68
Total,	<u>\$3109 68</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for year 1881	\$352 90
Total,	<u>\$352 90</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for year ending March 1, 1881,	\$10 00
Engineers of Fire Department to May 1, 1881,	48 00
Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1880,	226 09
Winslow Battles, School Committee, 1881-82,	110 00
George H. Wilkins, School Committee, 1881-82,	100 00
James Molloy, School Committee, 1881-82,	100 00
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, As-	
sessor and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	350 00
Royal T. Mann, services as Selectman, As-	
sessor and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	300 00
John B. Thayer, services as Selectman, As-	
sessor and Overseer of the Poor, . . .	300 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1544 09

STEAM FIRE ENGINE, APPARATUS, BABCOCK ENGINE, AND
REPAIRING HOUSE.

Paid Manchester Locomotive Works, for Engine,	\$3500 00
Messrs. Hunneman & Co., for Horse Hose	
Carriage,	500 00
Goodwillie, Wyman & Co., for Babcock Engine,	1150 00
Hall Rubber Co., for 800 feet of Hose, . .	720 00
Morrison M. Alden, for contr't on Engine House,	250 00
H. Hybennett, for painting Engine House, .	51 25
Kennedy & Murphy for 1 set of Harness,	75 00
Kennedy & Murphy, for 1 set of Double Harness,	75 00
John F. Cartwright, for cleaning Steamer,	30 50
A. J. Gove, draw'g Steamer and Hose Carriage,	26 00
Sundry persons, expenses of trial, . . .	15 00
Old Colony R. R. Co., for freight, . . .	6 20
William B. Hathaway, for board of Engineer,	6 00
For photographs of Independence Engine, .	6 00

Paid Edwin M. Mann, for wood at trial of Bab-	
cock Engine,	\$1 75
John T. Cartwright, for labor at trial of Bab-	
cock Engine,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6413 70

FIRE INQUEST.

Paid Samuel A. Bates, Juror,	\$4 00
Andrew J. Bates, Juror,	4 00
J. Tisdale Southworth, Juror,	4 05
E. Frank Hayden, Juror,	4 05
William A. Hodges, Juror,	4 00
William N. Eaton, Juror,	4 00
Witnesses,	18 40
Thomas Farrell, Officer,	14 60
A. E. Sproul, reducing testimony to writing,	10 00
Total,	<hr/> \$67 10

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Turner Free Library, as per vote,	\$500 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 Town	
Reports,	224 50
Daniel H. Huxford, printing warrants, no-	
tices, &c.,	88 25
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	224 25
Josiah T. King, services as Night Police,	98 75
Police, and extra fire expenses,	101 62
Special Police, July 2d, 3d and 4th,	58 50
P. W. FitzPatrick, services as detective,	40 00
Napoleon B. Furnald, services as detective,	34 15

Paid John Curran and others, land damage, Mill street,	\$150 00
Grand Army Post 110, as per vote, . . .	100 00
Asa French, professional service in Deane case,	200 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	81 10
Royal W. Turner, for insurance, . . .	48 00
William B. Hathaway, for entertaining firemen,	84 00
William B. Hathaway, for entertaining town officers,	38 00
Wesley W. Walsh, for supplies to firemen, . . .	46 23
Francis Smith, for damage to property, . . .	50 00
Expenses of Engine Committee to Manchester, N.H.,	36 78
Colin Boyd, care of Selectmen's Office, . . .	25 00
A Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	32 16
Henry H. Francis, services as constable, . . .	27 50
Thomas Farrell, services as constable, . . .	14 00
William B. Brown, for labor and material, . . .	22 00
Henry H. Francis, for labor and material, . . .	16 58
T. T. Cushman, services for B'd of Health, . . .	20 00
James N. Bullock, for horse-hire,	24 40
Edward A. Perry, for labor and material, . . .	23 24
John T. Flood, expenses to Boston on Report, State aid and Tax appeal,	23 00
Ward & Gay, for order-b'ks and stationery, . . .	19 50
Weston P. Alden, for building dam at Belcher's pond,	18 31
Doane & Greenough, for stationery,	8 25
Charles H. Wales, one half expense of building bridge at Leonard's pond,	7 11
Samuel Hamilton, land damage, Mill street, . . .	15 00

Paid Joanna Welch, land damage, Mill street, .	\$10 00
Wales Bros., for labor and material, . . .	17 00
Daniel Gibbons, for damage to fence, . . .	15 00
Wales B. Thayer, for labor,	10 25
Charles E. Higgins, for labor and material, . . .	12 00
Messrs. Flood, Mann and Thayer, expenses to Boston, Quincy, Dedham and Hol- brook,	18 45
F. C. Granger, for examination of insane persons at Quincy,	7 60
E. A. Allen, for examination of insane per- sons at Quincy,	7 60
Manus Gallagher, for labor,	6 00
For copying North street location and speci- fications of New street,	7 00
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	12 00
Colin Boyd, for labor,	13 50
John G. Poole, for postage,	5 88
Eleazer Beal, for labor,	5 00
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	7 45
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material, . . .	6 25
Martin P. Pike, for distributing town re- ports, 1881,	5 00
Patrick Wren, for stone,	6 00
Dennis Fox, for labor,	5 00
Daniel Leahy, for damage to carriage, . . .	3 20
Franklin Porter, for stationery,	3 43
Morrison M. Alden, for labor,	3 48
Frank Q. Bodwell, for labor and material, . . .	2 15
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	3 35
Charles F. Wilde, for labor,	3 00
Luke O'Riley, for mdse.,	4 50
H. H. Guinan, for mdse.,	2 50

Paid Edward Howard, for labor, . . .	\$2 50
Owen Sullivan, for labor, . . .	2 00
Thomas Groom, for tax-books, . . .	2 00
R. M. Pulsifer, for advertising, . . .	3 75
Seth Mann, 2d, for deed, . . .	2 00
John F. Brady, for labor, . . .	1 50
Patrick L. O'Connor, for labor, . . .	1 00
For recording deed and blanks, . . .	2 00
Thomas Farrell, for carriage hire, . . .	1 00
Total ,	<hr/> \$2720 52

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The increased expenditure for the relief of poor during the past year, has been caused to a great extent by an amendment to the Settlement Laws in 1879, and to additional insane. Under chapter 242 of the acts of 1879, said act being retroactive, the settlement of Catharine Heney was changed from the State to the Town of Randolph; notice was sent to our town by the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, all action being suspended, bill not to be rendered until the Supreme Court decided upon the constitutionality of the law; the decision being in favor of the State, the town paid the Heney bill, dating from May 22, 1879 (time the law went into effect), to January 1, 1882. The cost of supporting the insane is a large item, which the Overseers have endeavored to reduce. We have investigated every case, and find that all are violent, and could not be properly cared for at our Almshouse without great risk of life and property. Poor out of the Almshouse have been assisted in about the same proportion as in other years, with the exception of a very few new cases that have required a larger amount of aid on account of sickness and death. Mr. Martin P. Pike and wife, Superintendent and Matron of our Almshouse during the year, have fully sustained their reputation earned in the past for economy, neatness, order and discipline in the management of our institution, leaving nothing undone in their power to make the asylum of our poor a pleasant and comfortable home. The expense of the Town Farm and Almshouse may seem to be in excess of last

year; but such is not the fact. Early in September, one of the horses died of spinal disease, obliging the purchasing of another, for which we paid two hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents. We have added to the stock at the Almshouse another cow, worth fifty dollars, in addition to placing a fire-extinguisher and cooking-range in the house, to the value of ninety-four dollars. Said amounts deducted from net cost of Almshouse, will make the expense nearly the same as 1880. The farm is in a good state of cultivation, and furnished the house with all the vegetables used during the year. Mr. Pike has had in charge this year the picking of stones on the highways, and has also completed North street, from the bridge of the Old Colony Railroad, near Liberty street, to the brook near the residence of James Gogan, the work being thoroughly and faithfully performed, evidently meeting the requirements of the public. The amount he has earned and paid into the town treasury from April 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882, six hundred and forty-six dollars and seventy cents. The number supported at the Almshouse during the year ending March, 1882, in whole or in part, twenty-seven; the average number, nineteen — an increase of one for a full year.

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1882 :

Polly Copeland,	Katie Quinlan,
Ellen Kennedy,*	James Harris,
Peter Reardon,†	Jonathan Hunt,†
Catharine Condon,†	Jennie Sylvester.
Francis McMath,	Almira Giles,*
Elias Cole,	James M. Upham,‡
Lewis Linfield,	James Connolly.§
Michael Clark,	Charles H. Abbott,*

* Discharged.

† Deceased.

‡ Refunded.

§ Refunded in part.

Ellen Buckley,
 Angeline Buckley,
 Mary Ellen Buckley,
 Maggie McLaughlin,
 Frances McLaughlin,†
 Teresa Long,

David McKay,
 John B. Sylvester,
 Bradford W. Sylvester,†
 Louisa Sylvester,*
 Maggie Quinlan.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year,	\$600 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies,	462 45
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal,	291 64
Draper & Hall, for horse,	262 50
Silas Pierce & Co., for mdse.,	176 47
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	166 07
Josiah Clark, for meat,	125 82
Charles A. Wales, for labor, material and range,	58 49
Michael Desmond, for cow,	50 00
Sidney French, for boots and shoes,	47 90
N. Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	43 92
I. D. Page, for supplies,	39 47
Clark P. Fairbanks, for clothing,	38 90
E. A. Allen, for medical aid,	31 60
Orrin O. Merrifield, for labor and material,	31 67
H. H. Guinan, for clothing,	26 70
John Harris, for cow,	30 00
Frank H. Langley, for labor and material,	23 88
Washington Dyer, for two pigs,	21 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, &c., for Peter Reardon,	19 00

* Discharged.

† Deceased.

Paid George B. Dench, for grave, . . .	\$2 00
A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . .	15 17
Orrin Douglas & Co., for mdse., . . .	26 64
A. M. Cushing, for sink and box, . . .	13 00
A. J. Towns, for mdse., . . .	19 00
Franklin Porter, for medicine, . . .	17 25
A. B. Gilman, for labor, . . .	15 00
Heirs of William Cole, for pasture, . . .	16 00
Mary Campbell, for labor and material, . . .	12 05
Fire-extinguisher, . . .	40 00
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material, . . .	10 46
E. G. Bridge, for labor and material, . . .	9 50
A. L. Chase, for medical aid, . . .	1 20
John Carey, for fish, . . .	8 60
Wesley W. Walsh, for supplies, . . .	7 57
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, &c., for Frances McLaughlin, . . .	7 00
N. H. Tirrell, for labor and material, . . .	5 97
Frank Morton, for labor, . . .	5 00
George Fowkes, for labor and material, . . .	7 23
Ellen Barry, for labor, . . .	7 23
H. B. Libby, for labor, . . .	6 58
Joseph McMullin, for clothing, . . .	7 00
Charles Kimball & Co., for mdse., . . .	4 55
Miss Soule, for mdse., . . .	6 65
William Brown, for drag, . . .	3 75
Mrs. C. Holbrook, for labor, . . .	3 00
Wallace & Nye, for supplies, . . .	3 08
Mr. Putnam, for mdse., . . .	3 30
James Harris, repairing shoes, . . .	2 75
Mr. Freeman, for fish, . . .	2 00
Guy F. Wheeler, for medicine, . . .	1 00

Paid Old Colony R.R. Co., for freight, . . .	\$0 84
Sundry bills,	8 56
Total,	<u>\$2846 41</u>

Cr. by cash paid Treasurer for labor, \$646 70	
by cash paid Treasurer for board, &c.,	145 20
by cash paid Treasurer for board, amount included in bill paid by town of Holbrook,	376 19
	<u>1168 09</u>
Net cost,	\$1678 32

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Esther M. Thayer, for board,	\$100 00
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EDWIN and MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid Amasa S. Niles, for board,	260 00
E. A. Allen, medical aid,	2 50
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	17 00
for Catharine Heney, at State Almshouse, Tewksbury (from May 22, 1879),	432 14
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hospital,	188 01
for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	183 04
for Almira Giles, part at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	173 35
†for Ellen Kennedy, part at State Lunatic Hospital,	159 53

† Supported by the State.

Paid *for Mary Welch, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$73 86
*for Henry Willis, at State Lunatic Hospital,	18 43
*for Patrick Fencer, at State Workhouse, .	44 25
*for John Harris, at State Reform School, .	51 00
*for Thomas Fencer, at State Reform School,	13 00
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family, . . .	185 80
for Mrs. William Grady and family, . . .	168 50
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family, . . .	218 60
for Mrs. Philip Kenney and family, . . .	125 50
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family, . . .	85 45
for Mrs. James Riley and family, . . .	69 25
for Mrs. Edward Brackin and family, . . .	80 00
for Mrs. Gerald Garrity and family, part at Taunton,	181 12
for Mrs. John Fencer and family, at Brock- ton,	46 37
for Mrs. John Lynch and family, . . .	48 50
for Mrs. Bernard Purcell, Jr., and child, .	98 90
for Mrs. Bernard Gill,	52 85
for Mrs. Hiram Wilson,	91 00
for Mrs. Margaret Purcell,	52 88
for Mrs. John Hollis, part at Stoughton, .	38 25
for Mrs. Margaret DeNeil, part at Wey- mouth,	58 07
for Mrs. Thomas Donohue,	46 88
for Mrs. Patrick McKay,	50 50
for Mrs. Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr., N.H.),	49 00
for Mrs. Eliza Myers,	50 00
for Paul T. Clark and family,	234 25
for John C. Kelliher and family,	256 13
for George F. Eddy and family,	202 45

* Discharged.

Paid for Luke O'Riley and family,	\$124 30
for Michael McGraine and family,	133 28
for Bradford W. Sylvester and family, part at Stoughton,	133 10
for Hiram Holbrook and family,	173 17
for James Butler and family,	70 45
for Alexander Holbrook and family,	41 50
for George W. Cook and family,	17 00
for J. Wales Sylvester and family, part at Boston,	19 75
for Luther F. Thayer, at Charlestown,	106 00
for Asa Morton,	101 75
for Thomas Ward, part at Weymouth,	64 50
† for James Ellis Upham, part at Easton,	26 37
for David McKay,	20 50
for George C. Currie,	7 26
for John Friel,	16 00
for Richmond Jones,	33 70
for Horace Holbrook,	34 50
for Francis Myers,	11 50
for George F. Abbott,	35 20
for Patrick Barry,	14 50
for William Acheson,	8 00
for Susan F. Alden,	9 76
for Bartholomew Bunberry, at Worcester,	4 00
for sundry bills for aid,	36 00
for sundry bills for aid refunded,	138 84
Total,	<hr/> \$5587 29

† Refunded.

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN
RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK, THROUGH
MILITARY SERVICES.

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$180 99
*for Winfield Scott Weathee at State Workhouse,	19 00
for James O'Brien at State Reform School,	52 00
for John O'Brien at State Reform School,	25 00
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	239 90
for John Crosby and family,	193 55
for Mrs. Christiana Sloan and family,	167 62
for Walter A. Jones and family,	136 48
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	142 50
for Mrs. Henry M. Thayer, part at Holbrook,	108 19
for Mrs. William H. Simpson and family,	104 42
for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand and family,	93 40
for Mrs. John Mann and family, part at Stoughton,	94 00
for Albert Howard and family,	66 50
for Mrs. Mary Mullins at Boston,	55 07
for Mrs. O'Gorman at Boston,	30 70
for James Conley,	10 57
Total,	<hr/> \$1719 89

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for John F. Clark and family, Stoughton,	\$298 95
for James O'Sullivan, Stoughton,	2 00

* One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in Almshouse paid by Holbrook.

Paid for Frederic Fowler, Jr., and family,	
Easton,	\$213 85
for Lucius Hollis and family, Hollbrook, .	128 65
for Stephen Farnum and family, Methuen,	140 75
for Elizabeth Farnum and family, Methuen,	89 75
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury, . . .	52 00
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	52 00
for Edmund Burke and family, Fox-	
borough,	36 40
for Newell S. Langley, Braintree, . . .	20 50
for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington, . . .	17 75
for Susan Meany, Boston,	34 00
for Charles Mills Moore, Boston,	20 00
for Isaac J. Tully, Boston	12 00
for Shepard Wood and family, Sharon, . .	15 00
for John Lyman Wood and family,	
Sharon,	8 85
for George H. Stone, Easton,	4 25
for James Ward, Hanover,	2 00
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Total,	\$1148 70

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, for lodging 296 tramps in	
lock-up,	\$140 00
D. D. White & Co., for supplies,	8 11
William H. Smith, for charcoal,	2 00
Colin Boyd, for supplies,	55
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Total,	\$150 66
Paid for Francis Blanchard and wife, . .	242 50
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	\$393 16

Included in the expenses of poor in the Almshouse, poor out of the Almshouse, poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, poor of other towns and state paupers, are the following sums of money paid to the physicians for medical aid rendered for one year, ending April 3, 1882:—

Dr. Charles C. Farnham,	\$75 00
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman,	71 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen,	75 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	75 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase,	75 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	75 00
Total,	<hr/> \$446 00

The undersigned, chosen at the annual Town Meeting in April, 1881, as auditors of the accounts of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

ROYAL W. TURNER,

JAMES BURKE, JR.,

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph, 1881.

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1881.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,

MARCH 1, 1882.

2 horses,	\$450 00
3 cows,	120 00
8 hens,	6 00
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons of hay, English,	106 00

1 farm wagon,	\$60 00
2 horse carts,	150 00
1 swing drag,	50 00
1 pair of wheels with pole,	50 00
1 mowing-machine,	60 00
1 carriage,	100 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
4 harnesses,	50 00
1 double harness,	50 00
4 draft-chains,	10 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	50 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
3 scythes and snaths,	4 00
3 rakes,	75
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels, 1 spade,	6 00
3 ploughs,	25 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar and 1 pick,	2 50
2 axes, 2 hatchets, 1 billhook,	5 00
3 hoes,	1 00
1 sawhorse,	75
2 lbs. of tea,	1 00
6 lbs. of rice,	42
9 lbs. of tapioca,	63
22 pounds of tobacco,	8 80
10 pounds of butter,	4 20
1 churn,	2 00
15 bushel of potatoes,	17 00
4 bars of soap,	40
25 gallons of molasses,	12 50
10 pounds of sugar,	1 25

3½ barrels of flour,	\$35 00
15 pounds of chocolate,	6 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
25 colored blankets,	20 00
25 white blankets,	20 00
5 colored bedspreads,	4 00
5 comforters,	7 00
9 feather-beds,	56 00
17 under-beds,	25 00
40 sheets,	26 00
36 pillow-cases,	15 00
16 feather pillows,	9 00
20 towels,	2 50
5 table-cloths,	5 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	12 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrels, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	55 00
6 flatirons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 woodsaw,	1 25
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
1 steelyards,	1 50
3 hammers and 33 drills,	45 00
1 fire-extinguisher,	40 00
1 ice-chest,	12 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
1 clock,	4 00
3 cords of wood,	18 00

1 road-scraper,	\$25 00
2 tons of coal,	16 00
400 pounds of pork,	56 00
1 washing-machine,	8 00
100 pounds of lard,	14 00
9 lamps,	4 00
25 flour-barrels,	2 50
4 yards of calico,	40
2 yards of crash,	16
150 pounds of ham,	21 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,246 51

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR 1882.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town: —

For schools (see report of School Committee),

" repairs, furniture and incidental expenses, . \$8,700 00

" General town expenses, items :

 miscellaneous, \$2,000

 almshouse, 2,500

 poor, 6,000

 military, 1,000

\$11,500 00

" Highways, 3,000 00

" Fire department (see report of Engineers), 1,800 00

Total,

\$25,000 00

GUIDE-POSTS.

Guide-posts erected and maintained by the town remain the same as last year.

The Selectmen recommend a special appropriation for the erection of guide-posts at all places deemed necessary and convenient.

(See Public Statutes, chapter 53.)

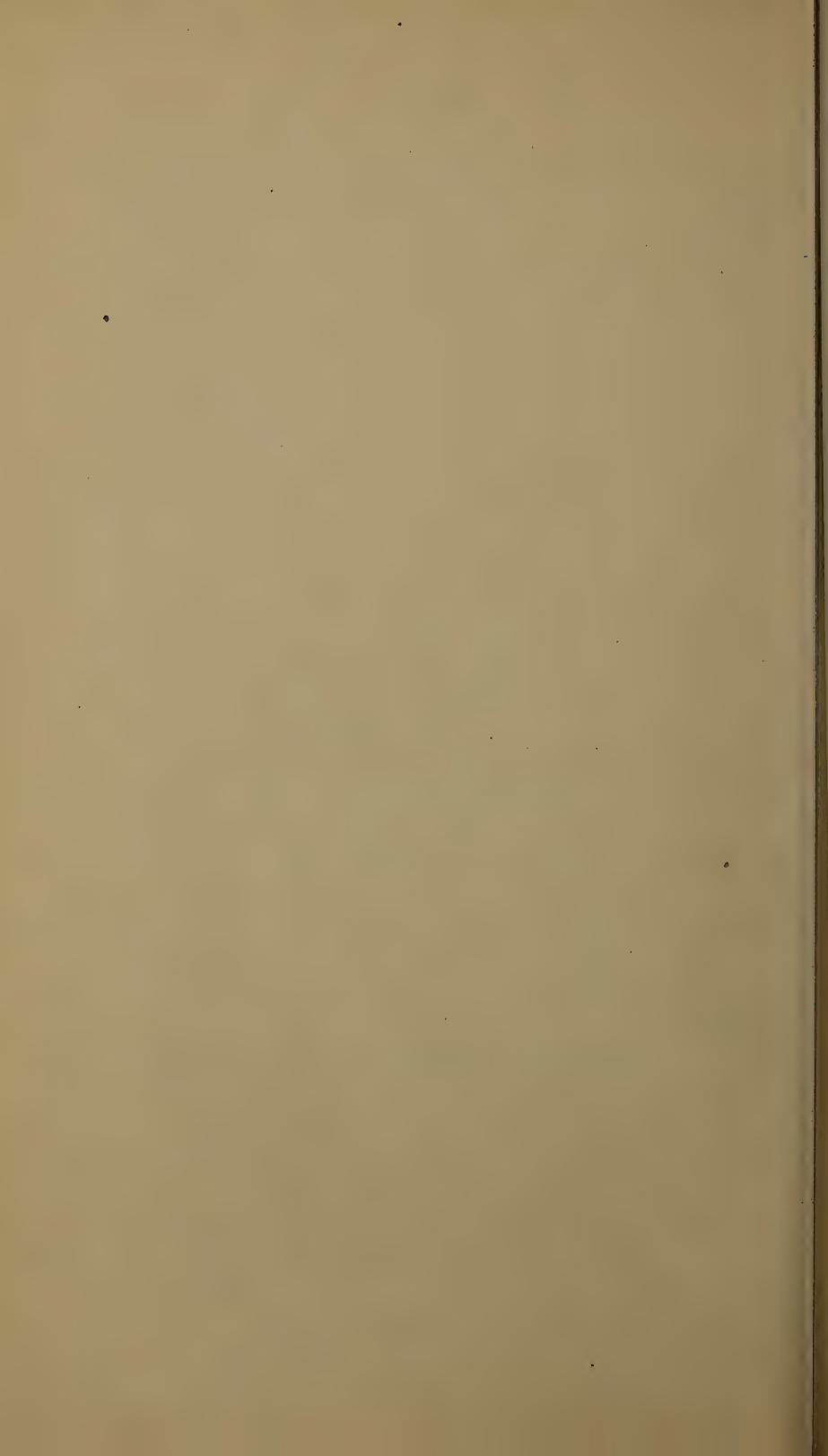
Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. FLOOD,

ROGER T. MANN,

JOHN B. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.



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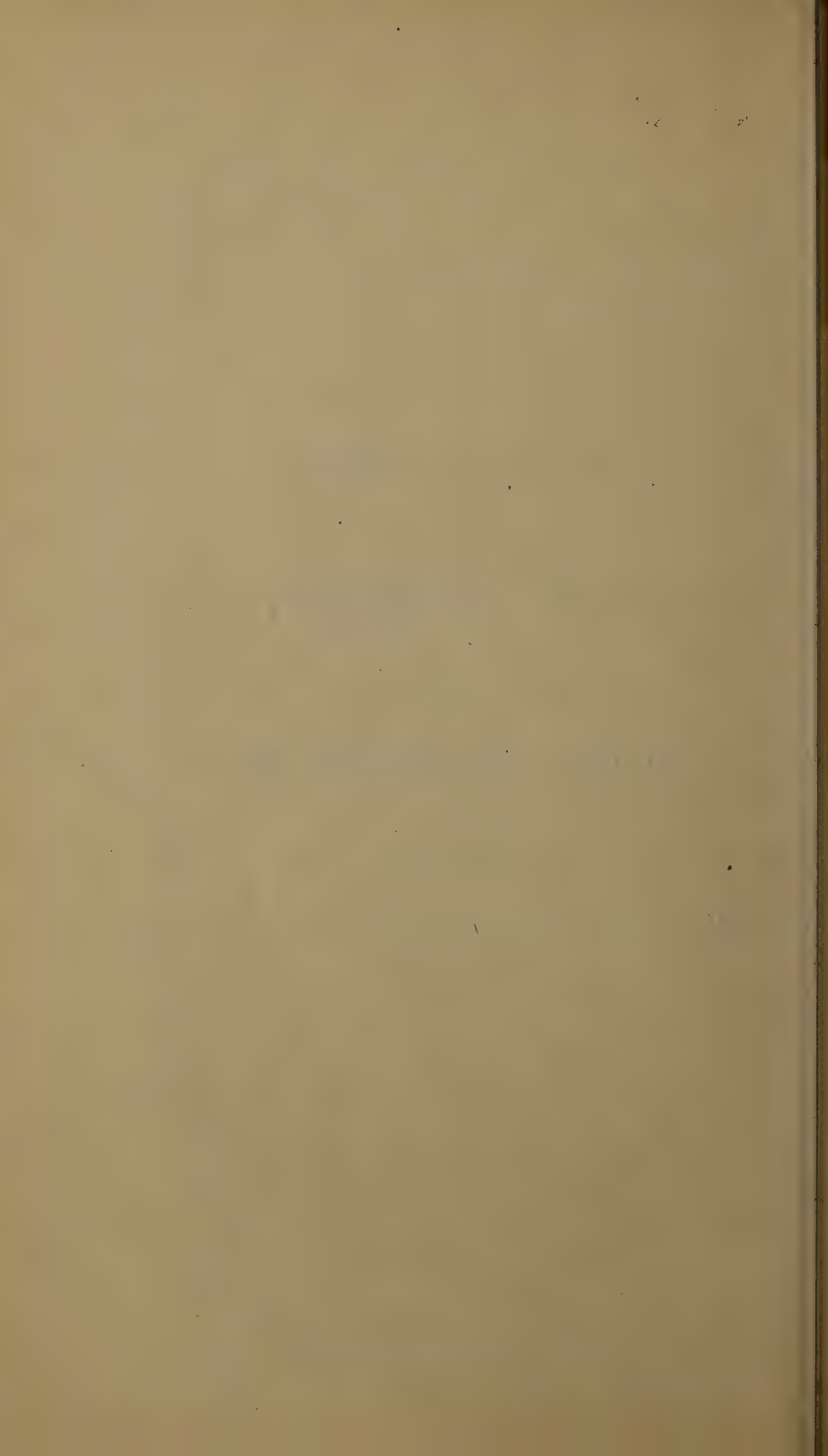
OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1881-82.



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The year covered by this Report has witnessed the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of this Town, by the first Church and Parish, in appropriate observances. A reference to the published volume of the anniversary exercises discloses the fact of a deep interest felt in the subject of popular education, and a clear recognition of its importance, in establishing communities, in extending the sphere of civilization, and increasing the means of human happiness by the pioneers in the settlement. The hardy men who, one hundred and fifty years ago, penetrated the primeval forests of our now beautiful town, seeking for themselves and families new homes, made early provision for the Public School, drawing voluntarily from their hard earnings the means, though scanty, for its support. From this early period in the history of the Town, all along down through the hardships, toils and burdens of new settlement, to the present time, the Common School—the means of education for the young—has not been forgotten or neglected. Under the stress of extraordinary emergencies, as of wars, when the public heart was aglow in lofty sentiments of patriotism; when money levies were responded to with alacrity, though heavy and frequent, the expenditure on account of Schools was the last to be curtailed or withheld. These circumstances, and contributions in support of popular education, are commensurate with the multiplication of town organizations all over Massachusetts and the rest of New England, and later throughout those portions of our common country to which New England people have turned their enterprising efforts in establishing new settlements.

in founding new Commonwealths—till to-day the country has a Public School system—the result of the accumulated wisdom of more than two centuries—adequate to the education of all her children in the rudiments of knowledge, thus fitting them for the enjoyment and practice of self-government, and the intelligent discharge of public and private duties which devolve upon men and women of a Republic.

This system has come down to us, representing much of thought, of effort, of experiment, sacrifice, and expenditure of money; and through us let it be transmitted, to the extent of our part in it, divested of whatever of imperfection or error may still cling to it from the distant past.

It is the boast and pride of New England, and to it, in a degree second to no other influence, she owes her supremacy in those conditions which mark a great, prosperous and happy people. Illiteracy bears a smaller ratio to culture than in any other section of our own country; than in any portion of the habitable globe. The people receive with extreme distrust any and all propositions that shall tend to impair the efficiency of the Public School system. This is well, and betokens its safety. What a people pays for and controls is generally prized and cherished; and the people of Massachusetts have ever been tenacious of their rights and privileges in regard of their schools, giving to them great liberality of support, and laboring diligently for their improvement. Randolph has been no exception to this general spirit of interest, and her school system constitutes no mean or dishonorable part in the great whole.

The town may be congratulated that such ample means for securing a good common-school education are furnished to all her children, supplemented by the more extended course of English and classical studies offered by the Stetson High School to those who desire its valuable privileges.

During the school-year just closed, the same number of schools has been maintained for the same length of time and taught by the same teachers, with one exception, as during the year previous, at a cost to the town, as per detailed statement in another part of this Report. Mr. Arthur C. Wadsworth, master of the North Grammar School, in the early part of the year received a flattering call, during the long vacation, to a position in the Oliver School in Lawrence, and accepted the same as a promotion in the line of his profession, much to the regret of the Committee. This was the second call to a higher salary than he was receiving here. The first call the Committee successfully withstood by increasing his salary to the amount offered elsewhere. In the second case they did not feel that they would be justified, though conscious of his worth, in entering into competition with places like Lawrence on the question of compensation to teachers, and reluctantly accepted his resignation. Mr. Wadsworth was, in the true significance of the term, a good teacher. A young man, devoted to his chosen profession, with full course of normal instruction, well-bred and gentlemanly, of equable dispositions and singular singleness of purpose in the management of his school, he stood before his classes a tower of strength and capacity to take them along over all difficulties in their school-work. He won the confidence of the parents by his interest in the welfare of their children, the respect and love of his pupils by the justice of his treatment of them, and his readiness and ability to serve them. To lose him was accepted as a misfortune to the department of instruction in the town.

The Committee made choice of Mr. Joseph A. Belcher, of Holbrook, as his successor, who had had the advantage of a normal course of preparation and the prestige of success in teaching in the various places where he had been employed ;

and they are happy in the conviction that he is taking up the work of the school where Mr. W. left it, and carrying it on with profit and success, though not without encountering the obstacles which are too apt to show themselves to the successor of a popular teacher.

In last year's report the Committee made mention of the inauguration of a system of meetings with the teachers for the consideration of school-work. These meetings have been continued through this year with a regularity which has been interrupted only by the conditions of the weather. The interest in them has increased, and their utility as a means of improving methods of instruction and management in the schools has been fully demonstrated. The Committee, cordially seconded by the whole corps of teachers, have labored to secure more real teaching, and that of a better quality, with less of set question and answer in the precise text of the books, and more of questioning upon, and presentation of, subjects that shall arouse the thinking faculties of the pupils. It has been with children and teachers in schools, as it is with adults in ordinary life, too much reading and study of or attention to books, and too little thinking — learning what others have said or written *about* objects and things, rather than observing the objects and things themselves whenever they can be produced for the purpose. When this cannot be done, much can be accomplished in the same line of effort through pictures or drawings to represent the desired object, not losing sight of the important fact that the latter is only a representation, not the thing itself. So of the written word: hitherto, continued work has been enforced to learn it, — its looks, construction and sound, — while in too many cases its meaning, its inner life, was all overlooked. The very point, about which all of interest there can be centers — its meaning — is omitted. To learn to know

by sight or sound, or both, a word without a knowledge of its significance, or, in other words, what it represents, why it is used, is hardly a gain; surely, not an item of knowledge secured. There has been too much of this *book* work, — words, words, little but words, — eating the husks, while the kernel, the real knowledge, was not perceived and grasped; memorizing, or attempting to memorize, words in long array, which meant but little, if anything, to the average school boy or girl. This plan of teaching, or, rather this *absence* of teaching, is being superseded by more intelligent work, and greatly improved results in the schools of Randolph, as elsewhere. The Committee do not deprecate the cultivation of the memory. It is a faculty to be developed in the human mind, that which enables us to hold in store what is gained of knowledge through study, investigation or travel; but they do deprecate the attempt to constitute the memory a passive receptacle — once the rule of the school-room — as subversive of the fundamental object of youthful training, development no less than the acquisition of knowledge. Changes in methods, looking to this central fact, have been introduced, more specially in the primary department of instruction, with gratifying results in most of the divisions, and others are in progress which promise well for the future.

From the present favorable condition of the Primary Schools it seems not extravagant to indulge the hope that in the near future the pupils of the schools can be brought to a state of progress and proficiency *when entering* the master's classes, equal to that they now attain at the end of the first year there. This would be a great gain, particularly to those who end school-life with the Grammar School, as most do; for it is not proposed that the children should get through the Grammar School course one year *sooner*, but that they should have the benefit of the course *extended*

by another year's work thereon, — finishing arithmetic, the history of the United States, and geography, the last two, as time may permit, in connection with courses of reading of biographies and travels for which the Turner Library offers ample means. To the accomplishment of this desirable result the Committee invite the co-operation of the community in upholding the schools on a basis of the greatest usefulness, and of parents and guardians that they see to it that their children, barring sickness, are constant and punctual in attendance, and that they understand pretty clearly what the design is in sending them to school. By reference to the "Table of Attendance," hereto attached, it will be seen how small the number is of those who have not been absent or tardy during this year. It is true, however, that infections and other forms of diseases have prevailed to a greater extent than usual. Still there is evident reason to predicate a carelessness in the matter quite reprehensible, and greatly to the injury of the children concerned. The Committee respectfully urge an improvement in this direction the coming year, to the end that no child in the town shall be deprived of the privilege of a common-school education.

The Committee are led to remark in reference to those diseases that sometimes greatly disturb the attendance at school as well as the community at large, that while there has not been a case of the "dreaded scourge" within our borders, its appearance near by, though in a single case and of a mild type, has created a slight nervousness in the community and brought the subject of vaccination to the surface. The laws of the Commonwealth require that all the children in the public schools shall be vaccinated, and the School Committee are charged with the duty of seeing that the laws are enforced. In this direction, the teachers are required by a standing rule, furnished by the Committee,

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1881-82.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole number registered.	Average whole number registered.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number not tardy.	Number not absent.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 5 years.
Prescott Grammar.	Thos. H. West.	51	49	46	94	16	1	20	
	Sarah E. Shankland.	54	46	36	78	5	0	0	
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	57	50	45	90	8	1	0	
	Kate E. Sheridan.	51	46	40	88	17	0	0	
Prescott Primary.	Mary A. Molloy.	38	36	32	89	0	1	0	
	Mary E. Wren.	44	39	31	80	29	0	0	
	Kittie R. Molloy.	32	27	23	85	0	0	0	
	Mary J. Dooley.	60	44	31	70	0	0	0	15
North Grammar.	Jos. A. Belcher.	62	53	48	91	26	0	0	
	Alice A. Smith.	51	44	38	86	14	0	1	
North Primary.	Emma D. Stetson.	45	38	33	87	23	0	0	
	Minnie M. Babbitt.	42	30	24	80	13	0	0	3
No. 1. Ungraded.	Minnie W. Corliss.	42	35	28	80	30	0	0	4
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	36	28	24	85	8	0	0	0
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	38	31	26	84	10	1	0	0
" 6. Sub-Grammar.	Sarah V. Wilde.	26	22	21	96	15	1	0	0
" 6. Primary.	Emma H. King.	22	16	15	94	12	0	0	0
		751	634	541		226	5	27	22

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Randolph.

Gentlemen, — In accordance with the by-laws of the town under which we received our appointment, we beg to report that we have visited the schools from time to time, and having received direct information from the teachers of cases of absenteeism, we have investigated the cases reported. We have in these instances urged the parents to use greater vigilance in securing a more regular attendance of their children at school. We find that there are two classes of absentees, — the occasional, and the habitual. Of the latter class we think the blame rests with the parents, to whom we must look for the full remedy. Still we are able to report an improvement from former years.

THOMAS FARRELL,

GALEN HOLLIS,

Truant Officers.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1881-82.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	.	.	.	\$1000 00
Arthur C. Wadsworth, 13 weeks,	.	.	.	342 10
Joseph Belcher, 25 weeks,	.	.	.	526 25
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	446 00
Alice A. Smith, 25 weeks,	.	.	.	246 75
Isabel G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	359 92
Kittie E. Sheridan, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	349 85
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	349 98
Sarah V. Wilde, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	324 94
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	304 00
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	304 00

Paid Ellen P. Henry, 38 weeks,	. . .	\$349 90
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	. . .	285 00
Mary J. Dooley, 38 weeks,	. . .	228 00
Minnie W. Corliss, 38 weeks,	. . .	304 00
Sara Belcher, 38 weeks,	. . .	336 25
Minnie M. Babbitt, 38 weeks,	. . .	285 00
Kittie R. Molloy, 38 weeks,	. . .	285 00
Mary E. Hamilton, 13 weeks,	. . .	91 00
Total,	. . .	<u>\$6717 94</u>

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	. . .	\$315 75
John Wales, for wood,	. . .	12 75
David Leahy, for wood,	. . .	11 75
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	. . .	5 25
Adam Jones, for wood,	. . .	1 75
sundry persons for shavings and preparing wood,	. . .	13 55
Total,	. . .	<u>\$360 80</u>

CARE OF ROOMS:

Paid Margaret Riley,	. . .	\$236 81
Galen Hollis,	. . .	83 00
Sarah V. Wilde,	. . .	47 00
George H. Piper,	. . .	25 00
Caroline Stetson,	. . .	35 00
John T. Wales,	. . .	20 00
Mary Feeney,	. . .	11 67
Mary Sheilds,	. . .	10 50
Total,	. . .	<u>\$468 98</u>

FOR FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES AND
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid William Ward, for books,	\$410 04
Simon B. Corliss & Co., for labor and material for fence,	218 70
Nathaniel Noyes, Jr., for labor on fence, .	136 07
Linus Belcher, for labor on fence, . . .	58 26
Bernard Wren, for labor on fence, . . .	52 68
Patrick Feeney, for labor on fence, . . .	52 67
Blacher & Shepard, for lumber, &c., . . .	177 34
Lee & Shepard, for books,	121 86
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material, .	76 69
Boston School Supply Company, for sup- plies,	55 00
Ginn & Heath, for supplies,	65 88
Thomas H. West, for labor on books, . . .	50 00
Knight, Adams & Co., for books,	37 59
L. Prang & Co., for books,	34 79
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	39 21
Daniel H. Huxford, for printing,	26 25
Winslow Alden, for repairs,	22 32
Thomas Farrell, for services as truant offi- cer,	25 00
Town of Stoughton, for tuition of Lapham children,	19 76
Galen Hollis, services as truant officer, .	15 00
Claffin & Brown, for mdse.,	16 67
Charles E. Pratt, taking census of school children,	15 00
Rogers & Co., for mdse.,	8 54
Carter, Dinsmore & Co., for mdse., . . .	6 00
Packard & Burrill, for mdse.,	6 00
A. F. Stearn, for mdse.,	7 25

Paid A. J. Gove, for expressage,	\$12 86
Old Colony Railroad Company, for freight,	8 33
Deborah Jones, use of well three years,	9 00
Patrick Feeney, use of well one year,	6 00
Morrison M. Alden, use of well two years,	6 00
Lawrence Hayes, use of well one year,	3 00
John Wales, use of well one year,	3 00
Patrick Feeney, removing snow,	4 60
Charles Prescott, for supplies,	2 64
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	2 00
Charles E. Higgins, for labor and material,	1 50
Bernard Wren, removing snow,	1 25
George H. Piper, for broom,	50
Caroline Stetson, for broom,	35
Total,	<u>\$1815 60</u>

Included in the above is cash refunded to the

Town Treasurer, for books sold,	\$371 83
Stock of books on hand,	107 00
Town appropriation,	8700 00
State School fund and interest,	275 32
Coddington fund,	102 00
Uncollected bills,	75 00
Total,	<u>\$9631 15</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6717 94
for fuel,	360 80
for care of rooms,	468 98
for miscellaneous expenses,	1815 60
Total,	<u>\$9363 32</u>

Expenditures less than the appropriation, . . .	\$267 83
Paid for Stetson High School,	\$1250 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WINSLOW BATTLES,
GEO. H. WILKINS,
JAMES MOLLOY,
School Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report: —

ORGANIZATION.

The department organized May 2, 1881, as follows: —

ENGINEERS.

Charles A. Wales, *Chief*; John B. Wren, *Clerk*; Levi Wilbur, James E. Neary, Henry H. Francis.

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; W. P. Alden, *Engineer*; J. T. Cartwright, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Pioneer H. & L. Co. No. 1, 25 men, Samuel A. Foster, "

Extinguisher No. 1, 15 men, Charles F. Sullivan, "

To which were added in July:

Steamer No. 2, James Riley, *Driver*; Benjamin Belcher, *Engineer*; G. F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Horse Hose No. 2, Frank Wentworth, *Driver*.

Hose Co. No. 2, 10 men, Myron W. Hollis, *Foreman*.

Making in all at the present time, 5 Engineers, 2 Engineers and 2 Firemen of Steamers, and 70 men, a reduction from last year of 61 men.

FIRES.

The department has been called to the following fires, nine in number, three more than in the previous year, three of

which have been accidental ; the others are supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

March 2, 8.30 P.M. Allen's block, Main street, damaged. Occupied by H. M. White, I. O. of O. F. No. 76, and Knights of Honor. Whole department present ; also Steamer and Hose Co. of Holbrook.

March 30, 8.45 P.M. Allen's block. Barn of E. A. Allen, barn, shop and porch of E. E. Kingman, destroyed ; barn of D. B. White, damaged. Main street. Whole department present ; also Holbrook Steamer and Hose Co.

April 30, 4.20 P.M. Barn of S. A. Capen, Main street. Damage small. Whole department present.

May 21, 8.30 P.M. False alarm, caused by burning brush on land of T. Lynch, North street. Whole department responded.

July 22, 11.40 P.M. Barn of Elisha Mann, Jr., Main street. Consumed. Engines present : Steamer No. 1, Hose No. 1, Pioneer H. & L. No. 1, Extinguisher No. 1, Hose No. 2.

August 17, 8.40 P.M. Barn of heirs of Dr. E. Wales, Main street. Consumed. Engines present : Steamer No. 1, Hose No. 1, Pioneer H. & L. No. 1, Extinguisher No. 1, Hose No. 2.

September 8, 8 A.M. House of Wm. Hogan, South street. Damaged. Engines present : Steamer No. 1, Hose No. 1, Pioneer H. & L. No. 1, Extinguisher No. 1, Hose No. 2.

October 28, 9.30 P.M. House and barns of M. C. Beals, Main street. Consumed. Whole department present ; also Washington Engine of Brookville.

January 7, 7 P.M. Jones' block, Main street. Damaged. Occupied by W. W. Walsh, H. H. Guinan, Dr. F. Morton and Norfolk Lodge F. A. M. Whole department present.

July 30, 4.30. Steamer No. 1 and Hose Co. No. 1, went

to Holbrook in response to call from Chief Engineer for assistance.

EXPENSES FOR 1881-82.

Whole amount appropriated, \$2314, divided as follows :—

For pay of men, . . .	\$1764 00	
general expenses, . . .	550 00	
filling reservoir, . . .	000 00	\$2314 00
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Paid for 147 men, \$12, . . .	\$1764 00	
general expenses, fill-		
ing reservoirs, &c.,	1345 68	\$3109 68
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Balance over appropriation, . . .		\$795 68
To be refunded, . . .		45 00
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		\$750 68

This has been caused by the large fires which have occurred the past year, by paying expenses of filling reservoirs, expenses which we did not include in the amount asked for and appropriated by the town, and by expenses for new steamer, hose and extinguisher companies. In the expenses are included amounts paid to Independence and Fearless Companies, which have not been running since May 2. As the firemen are not paid until the first of May, it is impossible to give the expenses of the department as it stands at the present time. Below we give the expenses for the last five years :

Year ending March 1, 1878, . . .	\$3350 56
Year ending March 1, 1879, . . .	2943 95
Year ending March 1, 1880, . . .	2800 27
Year ending March 1, 1881, . . .	3350 00
Year ending March 1, 1882, . . .	3106 68

INDEPENDENCE ENGINE NO. 21.

Paid 50 men, services year ending May 1, 1881,

\$12,	\$600 00
John F. Dumphy, steward's bill, . .	15 75
John F. Dumphy, shovelling snow, . .	4 25
M. McAuliffe, drawing hose, . . .	2 00
C. O. Bennett, supplies,	1 55
Mary A. Sheilds, cleaning house, . .	2 50
Walter Cartwright, straps,	2 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	4 00
F. Porter, chamois,	75
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	\$632 80

FEARLESS NO. 3.

Paid 50 men, services year ending May 1, 1881,

\$12,	\$600 00
D. S. Porter, repairs,	2 50
C. Prescott, supplies,	5 80
G. F. Howard, steward's bill,	7 25
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	\$615 55

STEAMER NO. 1 and HOSE NO. 1.

Paid 20 men, services year ending May 1, 1881,

\$12,	\$240 00
Engineer and firemen, remainder year ending May 1, 1881, \$12,	24 00
Manches. Locomotive Works, extra grates,	9 00
Hunneman & Co., nozzle and coupling, . .	13 50
J. T. Cartwright, steward's bill, . . .	20 90
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	2 50
J. T. Cartwright and others, labor on hose,	67 45
W. Cartwright, straps, belts, oil, &c., . .	7 15
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house, . .	14 50

Paid C. A. Wales, fancy globes, globes, can, &c.,	\$4 00
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer,	90 00
A. J. Gove, drawing hose and steamer to Holbrook,	*15 00
A. J. Gove, drawing hose and steamer to Stoughton,	*15 00
J. N. Bullock, drawing hose, coal and fire- men to Stoughton,	*15 00
W. P. Alden, labor,	44 05
Edwin M. Mann, pine wood,	1 50
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	\$583 55

STEAMER NO. 2 AND HOSE NO. 2.

Paid A. J. Gove, drawing steamer and hose car- riage,	\$10 00
S. B. Corliss, stone threshold,	5 40
H. B. Howard, building fence, &c., . .	8 36
Wales Bros., suction hose, saddle, oil, .	2 95
T. Fardy & Son, repairs hose carriage, .	2 10
Woodman & Leavitt, labor on chimney, .	6 55
H. H. Francis, building coal-box and repairs,	24 83
C. Prescott, supplies,	2 11
G. F. Howard, steward's bill,	33 75
Josiah Clark, drawing steamer and hose car- riage,	24 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house, . .	14 50
C. A. Wales, stove, zinc, cans, hod, &c., .	12 97
James Riley, land rent one year, . . .	12 00
Benjamin Belcher, labor,	10 18
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	169 70

* To be refunded.

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By old iron,	\$1 25
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	\$168 45

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.

Paid 25 men, services one year to May 1, 1881,	
\$12,	\$300 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting truck, ladders, &c.,	50 00
Bishop & Bro., ladders,	15 89
T. Fardy & Son, repairs,	9 10
Wm. B. Brown, repairs and axe-handles, .	5 25
N. E. Knights, steward's bill,	14 10
Hunneman & Co., axe,	3 00
C. A. Wales, globes, burners, &c., . .	1 65
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	\$398 99

EXTINGUISHER No. 1.

Paid J. A. & A. W. Bird, chemicals, . .	\$21 53
E. & F. King, chemicals,	21 50
John B. McGraine, steward's bill, . . .	19 00
Rufus Jones, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord pine wood, . . .	2 50
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house, . .	14 50
C. A. Wales, supplies,	4 33
C. A. Wales, Magee heater (second-hand),	12 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land one year, .	10 00
A. J. Gove, drawing and expressing, . .	8 75
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	\$114 11

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By old stove,	5 00
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	\$109 11

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Hall & Co., rubber coats,	\$54 00
Chandler & Gleason, drawing Holbrook steamer, two fires Allen's block, . . .	30 00
Woodman & Leavitt, pointing engine-houses,	7 00
Linus Belcher, shovelling snow,	2 50
Bishop & Bro., ladder,	3 00
Josiah Clark, posts and labor,	4 50
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	19 55
J. N. Bullock, carting hose, &c.,	13 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for steamers, . .	146 18
M. M. Alden, bill repairs, 1880,	13 43
A. J. Gove, expressing, repair harnesses, &c.	20 07
A. J. Gove, carting hose,	29 00
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	\$342 23

RESERVOIRS AND EXTRA LABOR.

Paid Hose Co. No. 1,	\$104 25
Pioneer H. & L. No. 1,	83 25
Extinguisher No. 1,	47 50
Hose Co. No. 2, and others,	24 00
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	\$259 00
Paid Independence No. 2,	\$632 80
Fearless No. 3,	615 55
Steamer No. 1 and Hose No. 1,	583 55
Steamer No. 2 and Hose No. 2,	168 45
Pioneer Hook and Ladder No. 1,	398 99
Extinguisher No. 1,	109 11
General expenses,	342 23
Filling reservoirs and extra labor, . . .	259 00
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Total,	\$3109 68

RECEIPTS.

Received for old hose sold,	\$133 36
for old boards,	2 50
for rent of extinguisher house,	4 00
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	\$139 86
Paid H. B. Libby, sheathing house Ind.,	85 00
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Balance paid Town Treasurer,	\$54 86

ENGINE-HOUSES.

The houses at the present time are all in good condition.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are all full and in good condition, with exception of the one on Warren street, which will have to be cleaned out, and some slight repairs about the top made, the present year.

We would recommend that the town should build at least one or two reservoirs each year, as engines are useless without plenty of water. With the amount of hose we have at present, we are able to reach buildings quite a distance from reservoirs. We think reservoirs could be built at a cost of about \$500, large enough for most parts of the town.

HOSE.

The amount of hose in the department at present is 2850 feet canvas hose, besides about 600 feet of leather hose, which is of no use for steamers. This is all that we consider necessary for the present year.

ENGINES.

Steamer No. 1 has, as in the past, still given general satisfaction, and we would thank the driver, Mr. A. J. Gove, engineer W. P. Alden, fireman J. T. Cartwright, for their promptness during the past year.

Steamer No. 2 has proved in every way satisfactory, and we would thank the drivers of steamer and hose carriages, engineer and fireman for their promptness in answering alarms; and as there has always been trouble in regard to alarms, we would recommend that the engine-houses be connected by telephone if the expense is not too great, as it is sometimes very necessary that the alarm should be given as soon as possible at all the houses.

This would save expense and also mistakes. Most of the fires which we have had during the past year have been barns filled with hay, and which had gained such headway before the arrival of the department that the extinguisher purchased the last year has had little chance to prove its value until the last fire in Jones' block, where it saved the necessity of flooding the building with water.

PAY OF MEN.

The pay of men we leave for the town to take action on.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We would ask for the following amounts: —

70 men,

2 engineers,

2 firemen,

General expenses, \$800 00

In closing, we would thank each member for his gentlemanly conduct, and prompt response to every call.

We respectfully submit the above report.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief,*

LEVI WILBUR,

JOHN B. WREN,

JAMES E. NEARY,

H. H. FRANCIS,

Engineers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIRE ENGINE, &c.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Randolph:

Gentlemen,—The Committee chosen by the town at the annual meeting in April last to purchase a steam fire engine and hose carriage, to be located near the Baptist Church, a chemical fire extinguisher, to be located in the Independence Engine House; also to prepare a place for the steamer and hose carriage, would respectfully submit the following report of their doings:—

After many meetings of the Committee, at which about all the makers of steam fire engines were present or represented, the Committee made a contract with the Manchester Locomotive Works, of Manchester, N.H., for an engine of the same size and capacity of Steamer No. 1 (bought of them in 1879), for the sum of \$3500.

We purchased of Messrs. Hunneman & Co. a horse hose carriage for the sum of \$500.

We made a contract with Messrs. Goodwillie, Wyman & Co. for a chemical fire extinguisher, for which we paid \$1150.

We purchased of the Hall Rubber Co. 800 feet of double cable hose, at a cost of \$720.

The engineers who were members of the Committee, by vote of the town altered the Fearless engine-house for the steamer and hose carriage at a cost of \$301.25.

Annexed find a statement of the appropriations, also a statement of the expenditures of the Committee.

Amount raised and appropriated by vote of the town for steam fire engine hose carriage, and altering engine-house for the same, . . .	\$6000 00
Amount raised and appropriated for fire extinguisher,	\$800 00
Amount of receipts from sale of Independence engine (by vote of town), not sold, . . .	00 00
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	\$6800 00
 Paid Manchester Locomotive Works for Steamer No. 2,	\$3500 00
Expense trial of Steamer No. 2, . . .	15 00
John Cartwright, for cleaning Steamer No. 2, . . .	30 50
W. B. Hathaway, board of engineer, . . .	6 00
A. J. Gove, for drawing steamer and hose carriage,	26 00
1 set double harness,	75 00
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	\$3652 50
 Paid Messrs. Hunneman & Co., for horse hose carriage,	\$500 00
O.C. R.R. Co., for freight on horse hose carriage,	5 50
1 harness for horse hose carriage, . . .	75 00
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	\$580 50
 Paid Hall Rubber Co., for 800 feet of hose, . .	\$720 00
expense on 800 feet of hose,	70
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	\$720 70
 Paid M. M. Alden, contract on engine-house, . .	\$250 00
H. Hybenett, painting engine-house, . . .	51 25
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	\$301 25

Paid Goodwillie, Wyman & Co., for fire extinguisher,	\$1150 00
for labor and wood at trial of fire extinguisher,	2 75
for photograph of Independence engine	6 00
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	\$1158 75
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	\$6413 70
Amount appropriated,	\$6800 00
Less amount expended,	6413 70
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	\$386 30
Add value of Independence engine, say,	400 00
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	\$786 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES H. HOWARD.

J. WHITE BELCHER.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

JOHN T. FLOOD.

ROYAL T. MANN.

JOHN B. THAYER.

CHARLES A. WALES.

JOHN B. WREN.

JAMES E. NEARY.

LEVI WILBUR.

H. H. FRANCIS.

Dr.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

Paid Sundry Town Orders,	\$46,465 46
Sundry Treasury Notes,	43,900 00
Interest on Treasury Notes,	2,071 77
Turner Library, Dog License receipts,	336 64
State Treasurer, State Tax for 1881,	2,055 00
State Treasurer, National Bank Tax, 1881,	3,071 81
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 28.73 + 24.42	53 15
State Treasurer Bank Tax, 15.19 + 23.23	38 42
Town Treasurer,	100 00
Town Clerk and Sexton, collecting, recording and return- ing statistics of births, marriages and deaths,	90 10
Rubber Stamp, Stationery and Stamps,	13 50
Town Clerk, attending meeting at Stoughton on Elec- tion Returns,	5 00
* Balance,	7,166 96

\$105,367 81

* Cash, &c.,	\$4,291 32
E. M. Roel, Col.,	2,875 64
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	\$7,166 96

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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1881. March.

Balance,	\$4,310 67
Received for Treasury Notes,	47,500 00
" Tax Bill for 1881,	39,058 60
" dividends of Randolph National Bank,	80 00
" of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, interest on Taxes, 1880,	183 68
" of D. Wilder, interest on State School Fund,	2 50
" for Salt Grass,	22 00
" of County Treasurer for Dog Licenses,	336 64
" for Circus License,	15 00
" of Frank Porter and Guy F. Wheeler for Liquor License, \$1 each,	2 00
" of State Treasurer, State School Fund,	272 82
" of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, Extra Taxes, 1880,	16 00
" of Supt. School Committee, sale of Books,	371 83
" of H. L. Peirce, rent of Ponkapog Pond,	1 00
" of Selectmen, sundry bills refunded,	138 84
" of H. E. Britton, guardian of J. E. Upham, \$70 50	101 07
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	171 57
" of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1880,	46
" of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1881,	2,613 01
" of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, additional,	81 66
" of State Treasurer, Indigent Soldiers and Sailors,	763 47
" of State Treasurer, State Aid,	2,153 75
" of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	4,024 43
" of City of Boston, Pauper Account,	189 40
" of Town of Stoughton, Pauper Account, \$241 24	300 95
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	542 19
" of Town of Methuen, Pauper Account,	159 40
" of Town of Braintree, Pauper Account,	4 00
" of Town of Foxboro', Pauper Account,	32 09
" of City of Lowell,	90 00
" Town Farm, M. P. Pike, labor with team,	646 70
" Town of Duxbury, Pauper Account,	16 50
" Town of Holbrook, Pauper Account,	1,289 36
" Town of Easton, Pauper Account,	153 88
" of C. A. Wales, sale of old Hose,	54 86
" City of Taunton, Pauper Account,	69 50
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	\$105,367 81

RANDOLPH, March 21, 1882.

We, the undersigned, chosen as Auditors of the Accounts of the town of Randolph, at the annual town meeting in April, 1881, respectfully report that we have examined the accounts of the town Treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

ROYAL W. TURNER,
JAMES BURKE, JR.,
C. G. HATHAWAY,
Auditors.

STATE OF THE TREASURY MARCH 1, 1882.

DR.

Notes Payable,	\$39,000 00
Interest due on notes, payable, estimated,	210 00
Bills unpaid,	690 00
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	\$39,900 00

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Coddington Fund. — 9 shares Randolph Nat. Bank, \$1,600 00	
Seth Marsh, Quincy, 500 00	
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	\$2,100 00
Due from E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, Tax 1881.	2,875 64
Due from other towns. Pauper accounts, }	
Due from State. Pauper accounts, }	1,153 23
Due from State. State aid.	2,651 50
Due from State. Aid to soldiers and sailors, acct. 1879,	1,174 10
Due from R. Adams. Note and interest,	810 70
Due from Treasurer,	4,291 32
Amount of school-books in hands of S.S. Committee,	107 00
Balance,	24,736 51
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	\$39,900 00

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph:

The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund submit the following Report of their work for the past year in the trust that it may meet the approval of those interested.

The investments of the fund remain as heretofore. These securities being considered sound, are as follows:—

10 shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10	" Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Hide & Leather Nat'l Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Shoe & Leather Nat'l Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20	" Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13	" Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13	" Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
		\$10,600

The financial account annexed exhibits a small balance in favor of the fund, which makes quite apparent about what our income from that source will be for the ensuing year. The necessity of an expenditure for the purchase of certain chemicals, chemical and philosophical apparatus, and geological specimens, now absolutely indispensable in a High School, has compelled the Trustees to ask the town to appropriate fifteen hundred dollars, as the smallest sum that can enable them to carry on their work in a manner that will do justice to teachers and pupils, who must necessarily labor

under discouraging disadvantages where these aids are wanting.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

At the annual commencement of the school, April 5, 1881, under the charge of Mr. E. N. Lovering, principal, and Miss Augusta Bunker, assistant, there were seventy-six members registered, thirty-nine girls and thirty-seven boys, and there has been an average attendance of sixty-two during the thirty-eight weeks of the year that the school has been in session. It has fairly met the expectations of the Trustees, and furnished promise of efficiency in its work for the future.

The annual public examination occurred March 13th inst., in the school rooms, followed by exhibitory exercises of the graduating class in Stetson Hall, where diplomas were presented to its members in the presence of the Trustees, the Clergy of the town, School Committee, and citizens generally. All present appeared much gratified with the excellence of the exercises.

The following named pupils comprised the graduating class : —

Jennie Agnes French,	Hattie Albertie Hawes,
Lelia Ada Holbrook,	Lizzie Lena French.
Alice Cushing Gove.	

At the close of the term, candidates for admission the ensuing year were examined, and of thirty-eight applicants, twenty-two — nine girls and thirteen boys — were found to fairly meet the requirements, and were given permission to enter the school at the next annual commencement.

The superiority of Miss Bunker's labors with us having attracted favorable attention, she has been induced, by a most advantageous proposition, to enter into an engagement

elsewhere, much to our regret, and tendered her declination to serve another year.

We have, however, had the good fortune to secure the services of Miss Ada B. Chandler, of Andover, a lady of excellent reputation, and much experience in high-school teaching; so that we feel confident in giving the assurance that there will be no interruption in the progress of the school, as we might have reason to fear there would be, if a teacher were introduced inexperienced in the work of one of this grade.

The school will open, for the ensuing year, on Monday, the 27th March, inst., at 9 o'clock A.M.

T. T. CUSHMAN,
EDWARD KANE,
DANIEL HOWARD,

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

RANDOLPH, Mass., March 15, 1882.

DR.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1881.

Feb.	To	Balance of old account,			\$82 34
April.		Exchange National Bank, dividend,	\$30 00		
		Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	39 00		
		Boylston National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Eliot National Bank, dividend,	30 00		
		Webster National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Tremont National Bank, dividend,	20 00		
		Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	20 00		
		Randolph National Bank, dividend,	65 00		
					304 00
Oct.		Exchange National Bank, dividend,	30 00		
		Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	30 00		
		Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	39 00		
		Boylston National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Eliot National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Webster National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Tremont National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	25 00		
		Randolph National Bank, dividend,	65 00		
					314 00
July 13.		One half of Town Appropriation,			625 00
1882.					
Jan. 23.		One half of Town Appropriation,			625 00
		Tax refunded by State,			188 27
		Rent of Hall from sundry parties during the year,			201 00

\$2339 61

SETH TURNER.

Secretary.

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1881.

Feb.	By paying Chas. A. Wales, bill repairs,	\$13 87
March 4.	By paying Daniel H. Huxford, bill printing,	9 50
	By paying Daniel H. Huxford, bill printing, 1880,	3 75
30.	By paying Frank Porter, bill books,	18 30
18.	By paying J. O. Whittemore, bill lightning-rods,	3 00
April 2.	By paying Colin Boyd, bill repairs, labor, &c.,	7 50
9.	By paying J. White Belcher, bill insurance,	30 00
9.	By paying A. G. Whitcomb, bill desks,	40 80
	By paying Quincy Mutual Insurance Co., net,	36 00
	By paying Traders & Mechanics Co., net,	44 75
May 2.	By paying H. H. Francis, bill repairs,	36 33
June 14.	By paying Colin Boyd, bill care of room,	16 66
1.	By paying H. B. & W. B. Chamberlain, bill apparatus,	41 40
23.	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, bill salary and sundries,	136 50
23.	By paying E. N. Lovering, salary three months,	300 00
Sept. 30.	By paying E. N. Lovering, salary three months,	300 00
30.	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, salary three months,	125 00
Nov. 14.	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, salary one and one half months,	67 50
	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, books for Library,	12 00
11.	By paying Colin Boyd, care of room,	16 66
Dec. 6.	By paying R. W. Turner & Co., 18 tons coal,	71 50
21.	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, one half term,	62 50
27.	By paying Chas. A. Wales, bill repairs,	23 28

1882.

Jan. 13.	By paying E. N. Lovering, salary three months,	300 00
	By paying E. N. Lovering, sundry items,	16 75
	By paying Winslow Alden, labor and items,	6 00
Feb. 3.	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, salary one half term,	62 50
28.	By paying Miss Augusta Bunker, salary one half term,	62 50
March 1.	By paying E. N. Lovering, salary one term,	300 00
3.	By paying Colin Boyd, care of Hall and room,	21 56
Feb. 27.	By paying Trustees and Secretary, salaries for services for one year,	20 00
March 1.	F. Porter, bill books, &c.,	21 05

Balance. \$2227 16
112 45

\$2339 61

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The balance in the treasury, one hundred and twelve and forty-five hundredths dollars. The investments remain the same as last year, in the bank stock reported by the Trustees, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the Secretary, Hon. Seth Turner.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1882.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1881-82.

SETH TURNER, *President.*

J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE,

REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

JOHN T. FLOOD, ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officiis.

BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL,
NATHANIEL HOWARD, JOHN B. THAYER,
J. WINSOR PRATT.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant.

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The sixth annual report of the Turner Free Library cannot be supposed to vary essentially from its predecessors, but it must be made, if only to comply with the 3d and 4th articles of the by-laws, requiring a report of the condition of the trust, the building, Library and funds, which may include such portions of the various reports submitted to the Trustees by the different committees; and the undersigned will avail himself of these sources in making his report to the town.

TRUST.

In compliance with the articles before mentioned, the first required item is the trust, which covers the property owned by the Trustees as custodians.

The Finance Committee report on the situation of the fund (signed by Messrs. John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt and Royal T. Mann). The investment of funds, aside from the balance of cash, is in a note of the town of Randolph for the sum of \$5000 (five thousand dollars), bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum; and the Committee recommend that the investment remain.

The Committee estimate that a similar sum to that obtained from the inhabitants of Randolph the last year (namely, five hundred dollars) could be advantageously used, and they recommend that such appropriation as the town may reasonably grant, be asked by the Trustees.

They find that all bills presented have been paid, and proper vouchers filed, by the Treasurer, and that there is a cash balance as of the first day of January A.D. 1882, of \$1027 $\frac{85}{100}$ (ten hundred twenty-seven and $\frac{85}{100}$ dollars) in

the hands of the Treasurer; and they recommend that the same remain to meet regular and ordinary expenses.

THE BUILDING.

The Building Committee's report (signed by Messrs. R. W. Turner, John B. Thayer, J. White Belcher, Daniel Howard and John T. Flood) states that "the whole amount expended for repairs during the past year has been $\$55\frac{5}{100}$; for janitor, \$125; supplies, $\$22\frac{59}{100}$; light, $\$298\frac{90}{100}$; fuel, $\$163\frac{50}{100}$. The rents are paid in full, and the parties which have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part as assessed by your Committee. No extra call for repairs beyond the usual requirements of past years is anticipated.

FUNDS.

Under this head reference is made to the allusion by the Finance Committee, to the investment of \$5000 in town of Randolph note, which is all the property aside from the Library building, Library and fixtures, which include the usual furniture in such cases; and the annexed report of Royal W. Turner, Treasurer, shows in detail the receipts and expenditures, and they have been verified by the Committee.

For the current year the income is estimated as follows; viz., —

From rents,	\$600	
Interest on town note,	300	
	<hr/>	\$900
Appropriation asked of the town of the dog-money (estimated),	\$250	
And the Trustees respectfully request the usual appropriation of previous years, viz.,	500	750
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		\$1650

LIBRARY.

An annual examination of the Library is made by the Library Committee, consisting of Rev. J. C. Foster, Rev. J. C. Labaree, Messrs. Seth Turner, Benjamin Dickerman and G. A. Tolman. Its condition is reported by them to be excellent. With all the patronage which the institution receives, not a book has been lost or seriously damaged during the year. If this speaks well for the habits of those who are daily using the books, it also reflects great credit upon the efficiency and watchful care of the Librarian and Assistant Librarian, with whose services the Trustees are thoroughly satisfied.

The report of the Librarian gives the following summaries for the year 1881:—

Number of days open to the public,	294
Volumes issued during the year 1881,	20,581
Largest daily issue,	278
Average daily issue,	70
Smallest daily issue,	5
Number of cards issued to January 1, 1882,	2265
Number of cards detained because of fines, January 1, 1882,	256
Amount of fines due,	\$49.58

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

Periodicals bound,	19
Donations,	49
Purchased,	359
Total additions,	427
Number of volumes in Library, January 1, 1882,	7583

The following extract from the annual report of the Librarian is worthy of reproduction here:—

"As Massachusetts is characteristically the state of free public libraries, it may not be uninteresting to take a hasty glance at its library history. The earliest effort to establish a free library in Massachusetts was made in the town of Orange, in 1846, when in annual town meeting it was voted 'to raise one hundred dollars to establish a Town Library.' This was five years before any general law existed empowering towns to levy a tax for such purposes.

"This humble beginning soon arrested the attention of public educators, and in the following year (1847) the Rev. Francis Wayland, then president of Brown University, presented to the town of Wayland, Mass., five hundred dollars towards the purchase of a free public library, on condition that the town raise by subscription an equal sum for the same purpose. His generous offer was accepted, and thus commenced the second free public library in the state. In May, 1851, the first legislative sanction was given to the support of free libraries by taxation, chiefly through the persistent efforts of Rev. John B. Wright, himself a member of the state legislature from the town of Wayland, and who, as a late Boston daily informs us, still lives in the town above named, and is supposed to be the oldest living graduate of Brown University.

"From these quiet examples has sprung into life and usefulness the far-famed free library system, which in a few years has expanded to such an extent, that, in 1879, according to the report of the Bureau of Education, there existed in this State 188 free public libraries. This large number is independent of collections owned by academic institutions, social societies, or even those connected with manufacturing corporations or charitable establishments.

"In 1847 there were in active operation in Massachusetts two free libraries; in 1860, forty-five; in 1879, one hun-

dred and eighty-eight at least ; those having less than three hundred volumes not being counted—the number having trebled during the last twenty years.

“In the same period the number of volumes has increased from two hundred thousand to over one million, and the annual circulation from five hundred thousand to over three millions.

“The latest statistics for our entire country give the total number of free libraries in 1879 as three thousand eight hundred and forty-two.”

The character of the reading sought by our people is indicated by the following table, giving the percentage of volumes drawn from the several departments of the library :

Fiction,	51.1
Juvenile Fiction,	12.6
Juvenile, History, Travels, &c.,	13.2
History and Biography,	6.5
Periodical Literature,	5.9
Travel, Educational and Miscellany,	4.7
Science,	3.1
Collected Works and Poetry,	2.9

We could heartily wish that fiction did not hold so prominent a place in this list. Yet it is the endeavor of the Committee to buy no books that are in any respect open to serious question, or that have about them the taint of the unhealthy novel. If by inadvertence such works gain a place on our shelves, they are withdrawn when their true character becomes known. Especial pains is taken to make the juvenile department attractive, and at the same time clean and instructive. And we feel that no better class of books can be put into the hands of young persons than the most of those which we furnish, many of the volumes being

costly, and elegantly illustrated. We have reason also to believe that the standard of taste among our readers is advancing.

The following extract from our Librarian's report confirms this view : "The class of books read by our citizens is constantly changing for the better. This is a tendency specially desirable in library patrons, and in the interest of which our efforts are ever directed. A new departure has been taken by the visitors of the reference department, chiefly attributable to a modification of the plan of instruction in the public schools, and to the organization, by the young people of the town, of social literary societies. Besides consulting the works of reference, the members of these local organizations have been accustomed to pursue a definite course of reading in connection with some author, or subject. In this way exhaustive demands have often been made upon the library.

In the public schools, scholars are frequently required to prepare written exercises in connection with scientific studies. This course of investigation is highly creditable to the teachers, and gives evidence that their manner of instruction is both discriminating and improving. The zeal manifested in these consultations, and the interest in the several branches of study that is begotten by this policy, has often given a profitable and somewhat permanent character to the general reading of pupils. We rejoice in this co-operation of the schools and the library. The success of a library is indeed dependent on such assistance from teachers and parents. Upon many children there ought to be exercised a directing and restraining influence by those who know something of the help or the hindrance that may come from books.

The judgment of children in respect to what to read, and how much to read, is no more reliable than in a hundred

other matters in which they are constantly guided. If they are left to their own choice in this important branch of their education, we may expect many failures. Unless the young have aid from their parents, teachers or elders concerning their reading, they are in danger in respect to quality and quantity of the books devoured. In regard to the first — quality — there must necessarily be in a public library books perfectly suitable for adult persons, and which may be reasonably sought for on our shelves, which are, nevertheless, quite undesirable for children's reading, and were never intended for them. Then, too, of those stories which children may at times read without injury, there should of course be some wise limit. A pupil who always keeps at his elbow a wide-awake story book of even the best character, will make little progress in his studies. For the abuse of reading in both respects here mentioned, the library cannot rightly be held responsible. We are especially gratified, therefore, when teachers and parents and associations unite to give wise direction to the reading of our youth; and with increasing experience on their part, the trustees will gladly do all within their power to make the library a growing power for good in the community.

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$857 18
Rent received from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Rent received from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Rent received from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Cash received from town appropriation,	500 00
Cash received from town (dog tax),	350 34
Cash received from interest on town note,	300 00
Cash received from banks for proportion of heat,	70 00
Cash received from banks for proportion of light,	25 50
Cash received from parish for proportion of light,	42 50
Cash received from S. and R. W. Turner for proportion of light,	102 00
Cash received from catalogues sold one year,	9 30
Cash received from fines one year,	31 80
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	\$2,888 62

Jan. 1881.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	\$500 00
Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,	582 48
Amount paid janitor,	125 00
Amount paid for supplies,	6 50
Amount paid for gasoline,	298 90
Amount paid for fuel,	163 50
Amount paid for frame for "Indian" deed,	10 00
Amount paid for lantern and lamp over front door,	27 50
Amount paid for signs for doors,	13 00
Amount paid for supplies of F. Porter and D. B. White & Co.,	16 09
Amount paid for printing,	12 75
Amount paid for insurance,	45 00
Amount paid for repairs (painting and pointing),	55 05
Amount paid for postage,	5 00

*Balance on hand,	\$1,027 85
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		\$2,888 62

*Deposited in Randolph National Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH TURNER,

President Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 7, 1882.

BIRTHS.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1881.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1878.		
March 1,	Charles Joseph Shay,* . . .	Martin T. and Mary (Murphy).
1879.		
March 23,	Nellie DeNeil,* . . .	John and Mary F. (Harris).
April 14,	Sadie J. Langley,* . . .	Frank and Annie (Higgins).
1880.		
March 2,	Nora F. Shay,* . . .	Martin F. and Mary (Murphy).
16,	Edwin N. Dore,* . . .	Sidney B. and Nettie F. (Reed).
May 29,	Norman Wales Spear,* . . .	George C. and Sarah M. (French).
July 4,	Mary M. Todd, . . .	James and Bridget (Gillis).
Nov. 27,	Willie Elton Rice,* . . .	Edward Perkins and Flora B. (Elliot).
March 16,	Mary Gordon Brown,* . . .	William B. and Sophia J. (Ellis).
1881.		
Jan. 23,	Ernest Knight, . . .	Edwin F. and Lucinda F. (Wood).
8,	Anna E. Chessman, . . .	Samuel L. and Elvira E. (Mann).
18,	Thomas Uniac, . . .	Robert and Bridget F. (Moran).
19,	Anna Shay, . . .	Martin F. and Mary (Murphy).
10,	Charles E. McMahon, . . .	William T. and Hannah (Foley).
Feb. 12,	William H. Dennehey, . . .	William F. and Elizabeth A. (Kiley).
1,	Irvine Garfield Stetson, . . .	Francis E. and Maria
26,	Edward E. Belcher, . . .	Edward E. and Martha A. (Stetson).
1,	Francis W. Brown, . . .	John J. and Anna M. (Maceadon).
3,	John B. Purcell, . . .	Thomas J. and Susan E. (Wren).
14,	— Holbrook, . . .	Martin G. and Ida M. (Cox).
7,	Mary Ahearn, . . .	Cornelius and Julia (Bohan).
March 7,	Charles Austin Elliot, . . .	Daniel A. and Emma (Dillon).
22,	Nettie Weston French, . . .	George W. and Minnie W. (Paine).
14,	Walter A. Nightingale, . . .	Andrew J. and Abina G. (Pertersen).
9,	Henry Thayer, . . .	Lewis C. and Emma J. (Holbrook).
21,	John J. O'Flaherty, . . .	Edward and Katie M. (Roddan).
3,	Sarah Maria Davenport, . . .	Charles F. and Flora E. (Otis).
3,	Joseph F. Gaynor, . . .	James F. and Mary P. (Morgan).
26,	Anna Curran, . . .	Thomas S. and Mary F. (Riley).
23,	Katie Curran, . . .	John M. and Elizabeth A. (Lyons).
21,	William Campbell, . . .	William and Rosella (Ward).
5,	Frances Kennedy, . . .	John F. and Joanna A. (McGraine).
April 15,	Carleton A. Chessman, . . .	E. Alphonso and Eta E. (Wilbur).
9,	— Roberts, . . .	William B. and Emma G. (Lincoln).
3,	Hortense Belle Fletcher, . . .	Samson and Elizabeth A. (Carter).
May 21,	Guy Frederick Elliot, . . .	Charles F. and Eveline M. (Calkins).
24,	Alice Maud Pavitt, . . .	Samuel and Emma E. (Hutchinson).
28,	Edith A. Belcher, . . .	Frederick L. and Kate E. (Ryan).
19,	Richard DeNeil, . . .	John and Mary F. (Harris).
2,	Westley C. Pool, . . .	John H. and Sarah A. (Wentworth)
27,	Mary L. Porter, . . .	Franklin and Eliza R. (Woodman).
11,	Thomas Good, } Twins, . . .	Cornelius and Mary (Welsh).
11,	Cornelius Good, }	
29,	Elizabeth Sheridan, . . .	Michael and Julia (Cousins).
24,	Bertha W. Wentworth, . . .	Albert F. and Nellie M. (Bean).
June 14,	Harry Bryant Nichols, . . .	George B. and Laura F. (Bryant).
3,	Francis E. McGarrigle, . . .	John F. and Mary E. (Gray).
27,	William H. Kelleher, . . .	John C. and Catharine (Barrett).
July 21,	Ella Maria Malley, . . .	Crohan and Joanna (Lee).
21,	Joseph Lyons Sheridan, . . .	Benjamin W. and Mary J. (Sheridan).
11,	Everett A. Fowler, . . .	Frederick and Lucy A. (Lowell).

* Have never been recorded.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1881.—CONTINUED.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July	8, Hazel Maud Craig, . . .	Elinza B. and Alice A. (Holbrook).
	8, George A. Holbrook, . . .	Hiram and Mary F. (Thayer).
	12, James O'Connor, . . .	Edward and Julia (Sweeney).
	21, Bertie Lyons, . . .	Benjamin W. and Addie A. (Jones).
	22, Alice Dumphrey, . . .	Michael and Elizabeth A. (Donohue).
	17, Mary J. Dexter, . . .	George and Ellen (O'Keefe).
	11, Thomas Devine, . . .	Michael and Margaret A. (White).
Aug.	26, Arthur A. McMahon, . . .	Peter and Catharine (Bracken).
	26, Edmund D. Welsh, . . .	John B. and Mary E. (Dwyer).
	10, John E. McGaughey, . . .	David P. and Catharine E. (Powers).
	2, Susan V. R. Maceadon, . . .	Michael and Mary (Galligan).
	14, Frederick G. Wright, . . .	Frederic T. and Jennie (Haslar).
	1, — Faunce, . . .	Hiram S. and Hannah E. (Clark).
	27, Rose Reilly, . . .	Luke and Mary E. (Reilly).
1881.		
Sept.	8, James P. O'Brien, . . .	William P. and Joanna M. (Barry).
	29, Ellen Martha Taylor, . . .	Franklin and Mary E. (DeNeil).
	29, Henry F. McCarty, . . .	Jeremiah and Hannah (McSweeney).
	12, — Winnett, . . .	Frederick G. and Ida S. (Rundlett).
	20, Abigail Finn, . . .	Thomas and Josephine (Sullivan).
	22, Percy H. Maine, . . .	Lewis B. and Marion A. (Dyer).
Oct.	14, Elsie R. Thurston, . . .	Frank Z. and Rosalia L. (Brenan).
	2, Henry A. Stetson, . . .	Lewis H. and Amanda J. (Huff).
	31, Elizabeth Fardy, . . .	James and Elizabeth (Good).
	24, Alice Foley, . . .	David J. and Katie F. (Dolan).
	31, Catharine McGivney, . . .	Thomas and Catharine A. (McGivney).
	17, Albert J. Powderly, . . .	Charles T. and Mary (Kerrigan).
	16, Willie H. Hayden, . . .	Willie H. and Lizzie A. (Drury).
Nov.	8, Katie Reilly, . . .	James T. and Mary (McMahon).
	26, Francis A. Martin, . . .	Wilbur F. and Lydia A. (Patridge).
	9, Dennis P. O'Halloran, . . .	William and Anne E. (Fox).
	18, Gertie Loring Torry, . . .	Henry and Carrie R. (Torry).
	16, William Berkley Brown, . . .	William B. and Sophia J. (Ellis).
	1, Thomas J. Hill, . . .	William S. and Mary A. (Noonan).
	5, Francis Sullivan, . . .	Florence and Alice (Breenan).
	22, Waldo E. Mann, . . .	Edwin M. and Jennie H. (Taber).
Dec.	6, Patrick E. Powers, . . .	John and Anna (Rogers).
	6, — Soule, . . .	Cady and Mary J. (Myers).
	5, Mary E. Foley, . . .	James E. and Margaret (Barry).
	28, — Pendergrass, . . .	W. W. and Sarah L. (Pratt).
	14, Ann Devine, . . .	James Donohue and Margery F. (Devine).
	29, Mary M. Campagna, . . .	Eugene W. and Sarah M. (Hill).
	14, — Reilly, . . .	Thomas and Bridget E. (Bowen).
	7, Mary F. Brady, . . .	Patrick and Maggie A. (Powers).
	18, Emma Jones, . . .	Elbridge and Mary A. (Mann).
	11, William Barry, . . .	William C. and Mary (Meaney).

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1881.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan.	1, Charles A. Randall,	Plympton,	22
	Ada J. Bryant,	Stoughton,	19
	13, John F. Campbell,	Randolph,	28
	Eliza A. Hayes,	"	22
	19, Edwin M. Mann,	Randolph,	31
	Jennie H. Taber,	"	17
	23, Henry Simeon Fouche, . . .	Holbrook,	24
	Kate Kelliher,	Randolph,	24
	25, George H. Eddy,	Randolph,	24
	Carrie L. Holbrook,	"	19
Feb.	26, Herbert W. Pratt,	Randolph,	25
	Helen W. Belcher,	"	21
	27, Patrick Kiley,	Randolph,	36
	Letitia Ray,	Canton,	28
	6, David Shehan,	Holbrook,	36
	Julia Leary (Lynch),	"	42
	16, Christopher D. Morse, . . .	Holbrook,	27
	Margaret Foley,	Randolph,	28
	21, Elniza B. Craig,	Springfield,	28
	Alice A. Holbrook,	Randolph,	19
March	12, Sylvester Barnard,	Holbrook,	33
	Jennie White,	"	29
	22, Edward N. Lovering,	Randolph,	26
April	Helen A. Bowers,	Andover,	25
	23, Michael J. Flynn,	Randolph,	27
	Margaret E. Kennedy (Wren), .	"	42
	26, Michael P. O'Connor,	Randolph,	35
May	Mary Cummings,	Boston,	30
	1, David J. Foley,	Randolph,	24
	Catharine F. Dolan,	"	24
	22, Rufus G. Glover,	Quincy,	23
	Frances E. Newcomb,	"	22
	29, Louis P. Cheivgney,	Brockton,	21
	Mary R. Beal,	Randolph,	24
	29, E. Davis Packard,	Brockton,	34
	Isabel C. Beal,	Randolph,	32
	June 25, Samuel Henry Thayer,	Randolph,	20
	Rachel Ann Burrell,	"	17

DATE.		NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
July	3,	Thomas J. Howard,	Canton,	38
		Ellen A. Simpson (Kiley), . .	Randolph,	31
	12,	John P. Rooney,	Randolph,	31
		Margaret A. Riley,	"	26
	15,	William Kelly,	Randolph,	21
		Rosa Ann McGuire,	Stoughton,	22
	22,	Benjamin W. Lyons,	Randolph,	19
		Addie A. Jones,	"	15
	30,	William H. Ainslee,	Randolph,	29
		Julia Ann Allen,	"	26
Sept.	6,	John Kelliher,	Randolph,	28
		Mary Kelly,	Canton,	26
	10,	William E. Gruber,	Brockton,	20
		Margaret McDonohue, . . .	Stoughton,	19
	25,	John G. Poole,	Randolph,	69
		Mary C. Lunt (Mansfield), .	Boston,	49
	29,	Edward Devine,	Randolph,	27
		Mary Flaherty,	Canton,	20
Oct.	12,	George N. Thayer,	Randolph,	27
		Maria A. Weeks,	Sandwich,	27
Nov.	2,	William C. H. Baeger, . . .	Boston,	29
		Isabel Pratt,	Randolph,	22
	23,	Charles McGarrigle,	Randolph,	26
		Anne E. McLaughlan, . . .	"	25
	22,	James H. O'Brien, Jr., . .	Stoughton,	26
Dec.		Margaret McCarty,	"	25
	3,	George N. Lincoln,	Randolph,	29
		Emma C. Paul,	Brockton,	27
	28,	Ebenezer Holbrook, Jr., . .	Randolph,	24
		Melissa N. Hollis,	"	18
	31,	Franklin Eiland Gilson, . .	Groton,	29
		Mary Almira Blood,	Holbrook,	19

DEATHS.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1881.

DATE.		NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
			Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	13.	Willard H. Benton,	72	4	17	Rheumatism.
	14.	— Parker,	-	-	-	Stillborn.
	15.	Francis W. Boyle,	43	2	21	Pistol Shot.
	16.	Ozias D. Daniels,	73	1	13	Paralysis.
	19.	Anna Shea,	-	-	1	Atelectasia.
	23.	Martha French (Stetson. Grant),	72	1	28	Pneumonia.
	24.	Simeon Fouché,	52	5	25	Bright's Disease.
Feb.	26.	Ebenezer Alden,	92	10	9	Old Age.
	10.	Susan E. Purcell (Wren), . .	32	3	23	Puerperal Fever.
	14.	Margaret Cain,	55	-	-	Apoplexy.
	18.	Richmond Jones,	29	3	29	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	19.	Mary McMahon (Brophy), . .	56	-	-	Pneumonia.
	21.	Columbus Clark,	50	1	28	Typhoid Pneumonia.
	16.	John Leahy,	18	11	23	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
Mar.	16.	Ephraim Belcher,	83	-	5	Old Age.
	27.	Susan Maney (Meighan), . .	83	-	-	Meningitis.
	30.	Hiram Hodsdon,	83	11	27	Dropsy.
	30.	John Dooley, Jr.,	43	3	25	Phthisis.
	31.	Newell Langley,	70	10	15	Apoplexy.
	1.	Elizabeth Hand (Gill), . . .	67	2	24	Heart Disease.
	6.	Peter A. Wales,	67	10	25	Congestion.
Apr.	7.	Margaret McAuliffe,	-	6	21	Consumption.
	8.	Mary Agnes Meary,	15	3	28	Chronic Pneumonia.
	9.	— Roberts,	-	-	-	Stillborn.
	16.	William F. Henry,	26	8	4	Pneumonia.
	6.	Anne L. Chamberlain,	37	9	22	Heart Disease. Dropsy.
	8.	Garret O'Mahoney,	38	-	-	Suffocative. Intoxication.
	12.	Alice E. McAuliffe,	-	8	12	Marasmus.
May	13.	George F. Eddy,	26	5	12	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	19.	Maggie A. English,	-	7	-	-
	20.	George Henry,	3	1	14	Hydrangysm.
	26.	James Thayer,	63	7	15	Consumption.
	17.	Hattie Belle Perry,	1	7	14	Croupal Diptheria.
	17.	Annie F. Uniak,	2	10	14	Pneumonia.
	18.	Caroline W. Howard (Wiate),	59	2	21	Apoplexy.
June	19.	Seth Mann,	71	2	19	Dropsy.
	20.	James Butler,	65	-	-	Old Age.
	27.	Ann Kenny (O'Connors), . . .	70	-	-	Tuberculos. Peritonitis.
	6.	Israel P. Beal,	50	11	-	Apoplexy.
	8.	Peter Reardon,	86	-	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	10.	Hazel Maud Craig,	-	-	2	Cyanosis.
	25.	Bertie Lyons,	-	-	3	Infantile.
July	30.	Esther A. Smith (Howard), . .	55	2	8	Heart Disease.
	31.	Harriet S. Holmes (Stetson),	68	5	17	Cancer.
	5.	Julia A. Clark,	11	9	23	Meningitis.
	12.	Francis J. Brady,	27	2	28	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
	25.	Henry Bryant Nichols,	-	2	11	Marasmus.
	31.	Michael McGrane,	47	-	-	Chronic Cystitis.
	2.	John A. Long,	16	2	-	Scrofula.
Sept.	6.	William Campbell,	-	4	11	Inflam'on Brain. Eczema.
	8.	Frances Kennedy,	-	5	3	Meningitis.
	19.	Eliz'th McLaughlin (Kerrigan),	35	-	12	Phthisis.
	20.	Louisa M. Howard,	25	8	26	Accidental Fall.

DATE.		NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
			Y.	M.	D.	
Sept.	24.	Thomas Deane,	27	1	-	Consumption.
	25.	Sarah Jones (Riford),	74	8	13	Apoplexy and Anemia.
Oct.	1.	Thomas J. Treanor,	21	10	6	Pulmonary Consumption.
	3.	William H. Dennehey,	-	7	21	Marasmus.
	7.	Thomas Green,	65	-	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	10.	Mary L. Porter,	-	4	13	Cerebral Thrombosis.
	12.	Mary Ahearn,	8	5	-	Meningitis.
	12.	George Augustus Burrell,	46	7	9	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	14.	Bartholomew Mahoney,	-	9	26	Meningitis.
	14.	Florence McGaughey,	1	-	-	Cholera Infantum.
	17.	Lois Mann (Niles),	73	10	9	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	19.	Edward Bracken,	40	9	13	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	22.	Frances McLaughlan,	1	3	9	Marasmus.
	25.	John Sullivan,	80	-	-	Consumption.
	28.	Catharine Congdon (Cagney),	84	-	-	Old Age.
	29.	Moses C. Beal,	68	3	-	Hemorrhage of Lungs.
Nov.	2.	Catharine McGivney,	-	-	3	Convulsions.
	10.	Michael D. Mahoney,	29	-	7	Cerebral Abscess.
	11.	Anna M. Manning (Fitzsimmons),	24	5	18	Pernicious Anemia.
	23.	Frankie Crosby,	5	1	17	Diphtheria.
	26.	Esther M. Bruce (Mann. Niles),	44	-	26	Poreclinitic Abscess.
	28.	Abel F. Jones,	3	9	23	Cerebro-Spin'l Meningitis.
Dec.	27.	Ephraim Henry Thayer,	36	4	29	Bright's Disease.

Any person perceiving any error in the returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths is requested to report the same to the Town Clerk, that it may be corrected.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Atelectasis; accidental fall; cancer; cyanosis; croupal diphtheria; chronic cystitis; cerebral thrombosis; cholera infantum; convulsions; cerebral abscess; cerebro-spinal meningitis; chronic pneumonia; congestion; diphtheria; hydrangysm; hemorrhage of lungs; infantile; inflammation of brain; pistol shot; paralysis; puerperal fever; pulmonary tuberculosis; pulmonary consumption; pernicious anemia; porefinitic abscess; rheumatism; suffocation; scrofula; typhoid pneumonia; tuberculosis; peritonitis; unknown, —one each. Bright's disease; dropsy; phthisis; stillborn, —two each. Heart disease, —three. Consumption; marasmus; old age; pneumonia, —four each. Apoplexy; meningitis; phthisis pulmonalis, —five each. Total, 76.

Under 5 years of age,	.	.	.	.	.	21
Between 5 and 10 years of age,	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ 10 “ 20 “	“	“	.	.	.	4
“ 20 “ 30 “	“	“	.	.	.	9
“ 30 “ 40 “	“	“	.	.	.	5
“ 40 “ 50 “	“	“	.	.	.	6
“ 50 “ 60 “	“	“	.	.	.	7
“ 60 “ 70 “	“	“	.	.	.	7
“ 70 “ 80 “	“	“	.	.	.	8
“ 80 “ 90 “	“	“	.	.	.	6
“ 90 “ 100 “	“	“	.	.	.	1
Total,						76

I hereby certify that the preceding returns of births, marriages and deaths are true according to my best knowledge and belief.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 NORFOLK, SS. }

TO HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the*
Town of Randolph in said County, GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the third day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. '

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings, and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to curbing, grading and improving the grounds around Stetson Hall, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To decide upon the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses, viz., miscellaneous, alms-house, support of poor, and military-aid expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines, and the pay of engine-men, and raise and appropriate the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will accept the road, as laid out by the selectmen, from Warren street to West street, as petitioned for by John T. Carey and eighty-eight others, and raise money for building the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the extension of Allen street, as laid out by the selectmen, as petitioned for by Adoniram A. Payne and sixty-one others, and raise money for building the same.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a sidewalk on Howard street, as petitioned for by Thomas Dolan and twenty-five others, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to sell a certain portion of the land of the Town Farm.

ART. 16. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce all laws, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 17. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 18. To see if the town will make an appropriation

for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Captain Horace Niles, Post 110.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 20. To see if the town will adopt certain by-laws to be reported to said town at said meeting.

ART. 21. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising and making an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the Turner Free Library; also to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the ensuing year to the use of said library.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party, or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as treasurer.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1882.

ART. 26. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Norfolk County

Register and Holbrook News," a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-first day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: HENRY H. FRANCIS,

Constable of Randolph.

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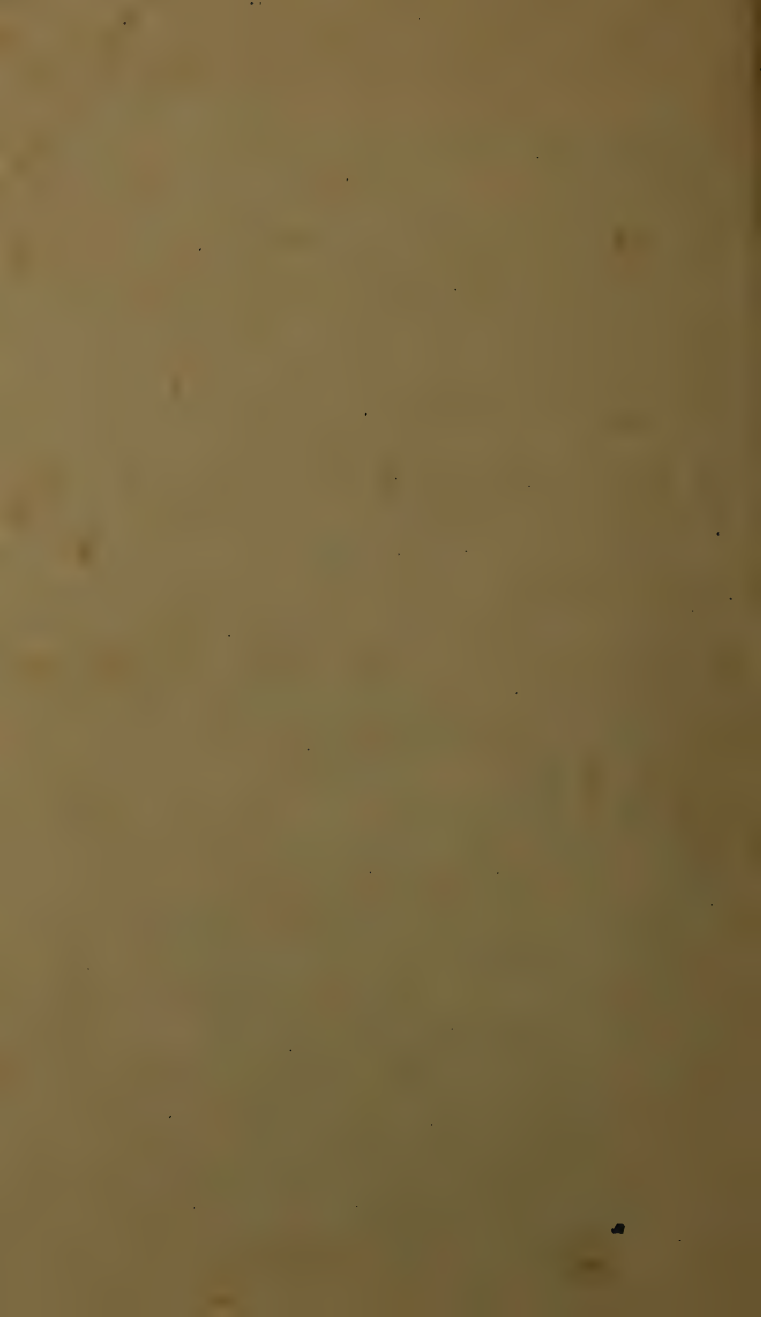
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1882-83.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of Highways.

JOHN T. FLOOD. ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

GEORGE H. WILKINS	Term expires April 1, 1883.
JAMES MOLLOY	" " " 1, 1884.
WINSLOW BATTLES	" " " 1, 1885.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

EDWARD KANE	Term expires April 1, 1883.
DANIEL HOWARD	" " " 1, 1884.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " " 1, 1885.

Auditors.

ROYAL W. TURNER. CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.
JAMES BURKE, JR.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	SIMON W. LEAVITT.
HENRY H. FRANCIS.	* BENJAMIN BELCHER.
FRANK J. DONOHUE.	HORACE B. LIBBY.
E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.	LOUIS GOERES.
SAMUEL A. FOSTER.	BERNARD CAHILL.
JAMES E. NEARY.	WILLIAM MAHADY.
HENRY H. SHEDD.	GEORGE B. DENCH.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL. EPHRIAM MANN. ADAM F. JONES.

Engineers of Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief Engineer.* JOHN B. WREN, *Clerk.*
JAMES E. NEARY. HENRY H. FRANCIS. MYRON W. HOLLIS.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

GEORGE E. CRAIG, BUSHROD MORSE,
of Walpole. of Sharon.

* Deceased.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Randolph respectfully submit the annual report of appropriations and expenditures for the financial year end March 1, 1883.

At the annual meeting in April, 1882, the Selectmen were elected Surveyors of Highways, and commenced their duties by purchasing an "Eureka Road Scraper," at a cost of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, which we have charged to the Almshouse and Town Farm expense, for the reason that the machine is worked by and under the control of the Superintendent, and the earnings of said scraper credited to the Almshouse and Town Farm account. We are perfectly satisfied with this investment, and from our experience during the year are confident that our roads can be kept in a better condition and free from carriage ruts, at a much less expenditure of money than in the past. We desire to call the attention of the voters of the town to the present system of repairing the highways, and publish for their careful consideration a statement of the amount of money expended by the town in the department of highways, and the amount refunded to the town earned by the Superintendent of the Almshouse with the town teams. We have paid out for general and ordinary repairs on highways twenty-eight hundred and seventy-three dollars and ninety-seven cents, in addition to the expense of five hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-two cents for land damage, and building new street from Warren to West streets which we have named Silver street. One hundred and fifteen dollars and ten cents for the working and grading of Allen-street exten-

sion, and one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and sixty-three cents for Howard-street sidewalk. Of this amount, Mr. Pike, with the town teams, earned and paid into the town treasury, to be placed to the credit of the Almshouse and Town Farm, six hundred dollars and eighty-five cents. It is our opinion that the Surveyors of Highways should be the Selectmen as a matter of economy, and in accordance with section 3, chapter 52, of the Public Statutes; viz., "All money raised for repairing highways shall be faithfully and judiciously expended under the direction of the Selectmen." This would prevent any conflict of authority or shirking of responsibility. The Selectmen as Surveyors of Highways should and would be held strictly accountable and responsible to the tax-payers for any excessive expenditure of money or any neglect to make necessary repairs; therefore we feel it our duty to recommend that the town at its annual meeting continue the present system.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE TAX.

For Schools,	\$8,700 00
Stetson High School,	1,500 00
repairs of highways,	3,000 00
Silver street,	600 00
Allen-street extension,	150 00
Howard-street sidewalk,	250 00
general town expenses,	16,000 00
curbing and grading Stetson Hall lot,	1,000 00
fire department,	1,800 00
reservoirs,	1,000 00
Turner Free Library,	500 00
enforcement of all laws,	300 00

For decoration of soldiers' graves, . . .	\$100 00
County tax,	1,635 03
State tax	2,740 00
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Total,	\$39,275 03

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1883.

Real estate,	\$1,471,350 00
Personal estate,	584,900 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the State,	260,014 60
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	178,738 35
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Total valuation,	\$2,495,002 95

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1882, \$16.00 on \$1000.00.

Average rate in the State, May 1, 1882, \$15.28 on \$1000.00.

Number of polls, May 1, 1882,	1206
of dwellings, May 1, 1882,	777 $\frac{3}{8}$
of horses, May 1, 1882,	375
of cows, May 1, 1882,	224
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1882,	5839 $\frac{1}{4}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$11,000 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
One fire-engine, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures,	1,725 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,150 00

One hearse,	\$200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh,	600 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6,	1,650 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank,	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner Free Library and land,	40,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library fund,	5,000 00
Total,	<u>\$142,365 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid bills approved by School Committee for financial year ending March 1, 1883. For items see report of School Committee.

Paid sundry persons for teaching,	\$6,437 31
sundry persons for fuel,	383 38
sundry persons for care of rooms,	412 26
miscellaneous expenses,	1,193 84
Total,	<u>\$8,426 79</u>
Paid appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,500 00
Total,	<u>\$9,576 79</u>

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$8,700 00
Town appropriation for Stetson High School,	1,500 00
State school fund,	216 52
Coddington fund,	100 00

Total,	<u>\$10,516 52</u>
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Included in the expenditures for schools is
cash refunded to the Town Treasurer for

books sold,	334 68
Stock of books on hand,	100 00
Uncollected bills,	50 00
Total,	<u>\$484 68</u>

Expenditures less than appropriation,	\$1,074 41
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The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer amounting to \$39,023.

On account of schools, teaching, fuel and care

of rooms,	\$7,232 95
of repairs and incidentals,	1,193 84
of Stetson High School,	1,500 00
of highways,	2,873 97
of Silver street,	565 32
of Allen-street extension,	115 10
of Howard-street sidewalk,	179 63
of curbing and grading Stetson Hall lot,	1,108 67
of removing snow,	151 03
of town officers,	1,850 61
of police,	299 00
of funeral expenses,	297 50
of State aid,	2,139 50

On account of State aid (under law of 1879) .	\$1,892 00
of abatement of taxes,	744 25
of fire department,	1,799 69
of reservoirs,	1,351 07
of almshouse shed,	634 15
of Velie H. Deane case,	618 03
of miscellaneous expenses,	2,295 23
of poor in almshouse,	2,914 30
of poor out of almshouse,	4,517 36
of poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook military,	1,534 62
of poor of other towns,	770 55
of State paupers and tramps,	444 63
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	\$39,023 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, double team,	
54 $\frac{1}{5}$ days,	\$270 75
Josiah Clark, team-work, double team,	
18 $\frac{1}{5}$ days,	90 88
Ephraim Mann, team-work, double team,	
6 days	30 00
Royal T. Mann, team-work, double team,	
5 days,	25 00
Charles Bowker, team-work, double team,	
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	12 25
Martin P. Pike, team-work, single team,	
12 days,	42 00
Josiah Clark, team-work, single team,	
9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	33 25
Royal T. Mann, team-work, single team,	
8 days,	27 47

Paid Isaac N. Linfield, team-work, single team,	
8½ days,	\$29 75
James Riley, team-work, single team,	
3½ days,	12 25
Charles H. Mann, team-work, single team,	
2 days,	7 00
Rufus A. Thayer, team-work, single team,	
2½ days,	8 75
Francis E. Stetson, team-work, single team,	
2 days,	7 00
Jackson Belcher, team-work, single team,	
2 days,	6 00
Josiah Clark, horse and cart, 7½ days, .	15 00
Martin P. Pike, horse and cart, 5 days, .	8 75
Royal T. Mann, horse and cart, 2 days, .	3 50
Augustus J. Towns, horses for road-scraper,	31 50
Martin P. Pike, horses for road-scraper, .	49 00
Josiah Clark, horses for road-scraper, .	9 00
Martin P. Pike, for use of road-scraper, .	8 50
Wales Brothers, team-work on roads, .	51 95
Simeon Linfield, repairing and building sidewalk,	25 00
John Desmond, for labor, 69½ days, .	122 28
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 78 days, .	136 50
Matthew Graham, for labor, 71½ days, .	124 51
Jedediah French, for labor, 60½ days, .	120 80
Thomas Duff, for labor, 66½ days, .	117 08
William Gill, for labor, 58½ days, .	117 00
Patrick Flood, for labor, 59½ days, .	104 44
Walter A. Jones, for labor, 53 days, .	92 77
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 39½ days, .	79 00
Lewis Jones, for labor, 32½ days, .	56 25

Paid James Riley, for labor, $22\frac{3}{8}$ days,	\$44 75
John B. Thayer, for labor, 15 days,	37 50
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 20 days,	35 06
Moses Mann, for labor, $19\frac{2}{5}$ days,	34 70
S. Melvin Clark, for labor, $17\frac{9}{10}$ days,	31 32
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, $17\frac{4}{5}$ days,	31 16
Thomas Johnston, for labor, $13\frac{3}{5}$ days,	23 77
Leonard Pierce, for labor, 12 days,	20 99
James Keenan, for labor, 9 days,	15 75
M. Frank Mann, for labor, $10\frac{3}{10}$ days,	18 09
Patrick Mahan, for labor, $8\frac{3}{5}$ days,	15 03
Patrick Barry, for labor, 10 days,	17 50
James Halpin, for labor, $8\frac{3}{10}$ days,	14 59
Christopher Ward, for labor, 8 days,	14 00
Frederic Miller, for labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 12
Frank Wentworth, for labor, $5\frac{4}{5}$ days,	10 06
John Gill, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	8 92
Joseph Donovan, for labor, $5\frac{3}{10}$ days,	9 34
James Carroll, for labor, 5 days,	8 75
Delazon D. Mann, for labor, 5 days,	8 75
George Pickering, for labor, 5 days,	8 75
Frederic Winnett, for labor, 7 days,	14 00
John Peterson, for labor, $4\frac{1}{5}$ days,	8 40
Henry G. Burrill, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Ebenezer Holbrook, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 12
Patrick Crosby, for labor, $3\frac{2}{5}$ days,	5 84
Charles H. Cole, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Alonzo K. Stetson, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
John O'Keefe, for labor, 4 days,	7 00
Daniel Elliott, for labor, 2 days,	4 00
Josiah Clark, for labor, 2 days,	3 50

Paid George F. French, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. . .	\$4 38
Thomas Carey, for labor, 3 days,	. . .	5 25
Eugene Wilbur, for labor, 1 day,	. . .	1 75
Joseph Crosby, for labor, 1 day,	. . .	1 75
Charles W. Lyons, for labor, 1 day,	. . .	1 75
Benjamin F. Carey, for labor, 1 day,	. . .	1 75
Robert McAuliffe, for labor, 1 day,	. . .	1 75
George W. Pierce, for labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day,	. . .	1 50
Martin P. Pike, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	. . .	1 00
Edwin Tabor, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	. . .	87
Noah Chessman, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	. . .	87
Thomas Donohue, for labor,	. . .	35
George W. Pierce, and others for blasting, &c.	11 00	
Simon B. Corliss & Co., for stone,	. . .	36 88
John Turner & Co., for paving,	. . .	16 70
John B. Thayer, for brick,	. . .	7 50
John B. Thayer, for 3 bbls. cement,	. . .	5 25
George H. Sampson, for rend-rock,	. . .	21 40
George D. Goodrich, for drain-pipe,	. . .	37 92
Frank H. Langley, for repairing tools,	. . .	10 66
T. Fardy & Son for repairing tools,	. . .	8 21
Daniel R. Porter, for repairing tools,	. . .	50
Royal T. Mann, for posts,	. . .	2 60
Martin P. Pike, for carting posts,	. . .	1 00
Thomas F. Lynch, for 445 loads of gravel,		44 50
Seth Mann, 2d, for 229 loads of gravel,	. . .	22 90
Amasa Clark, for 240 loads of gravel,	. . .	24 00
Edson M. Roel, for 271 loads of gravel,	. . .	23 20
Estate of Moses C. Beal, for 264 loads of gravel,	21 12	
Aaron Prescott, for 212 loads of gravel,	. . .	18 05
Lemuel Capen, for 201 loads of gravel,	. . .	17 22
Amasa S. Niles, for 334 loads of gravel,	. . .	20 04

Paid Daniel Kiley, for 155 loads of gravel, . . .	\$15 50
William Tucker, for 137 loads of gravel, . . .	8 22
E. A. Allen, for 35 loads of gravel, . . .	3 50
John L. Manning, for 30 loads of gravel, . . .	2 76
Frank H. Langley, for posts and material, . . .	42 30
Sundry persons, for picking stones, . . .	61 13
Total,	<hr/> \$2873 97

SILVER STREET.

Paid Martin P. Pike team-work, double team, 12 days,	\$60 00
Ephraim Mann, team-work, double team, 4 days,	20 00
Martin P. Pike, team-work single team, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ days,	32 25
William Gill, for labor, 20 $\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	41 20
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 20 $\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	41 20
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 20 $\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	35 35
Thomas Duff, for labor, 20 $\frac{1}{10}$ days, . . .	35 17
John Desmond, for labor, 19 $\frac{3}{5}$,	34 30
Matthew Graham, for labor 18 $\frac{3}{5}$, days, . . .	32 55
Lewis Jones, for labor, 18 $\frac{1}{10}$ days, . . .	31 67
Patrick Flood, for labor, 14 $\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	25 55
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	22 05
Walter A. Jones, for labor, 9 days, . . .	15 75
John Gill, for labor, 8 $\frac{3}{5}$ days,	15 05
Robert McAuliffe, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Patrick McMahan, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Lewis Jones, for bridge stone,	1 50

Paid Thomas Dunphy, for 352 loads of gravel, .	\$35 20
Aaron Prescott, for 14 loads of gravel, .	1 10
Robert McAuliffe, for 27 posts, . .	5 40
Parnell Quincy, sharpening drills, . .	1 28
Joanna Dean, land damage, . . .	40 00
Mary Madigan, land damage, . . .	20 00
John O'Keefe, land damage, . . .	10 00
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	\$565 32

ALLEN STREET EXTENSION.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work double team,	
4 $\frac{7}{10}$ days,	\$23 25
George W. Pierce, for labor, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, .	21 50
Jedediah French, for labor, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	13 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, . .	9 18
Lewis Jones, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, . . .	9 18
Thomas Duff, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, . . .	9 18
Walter A. Jones, for labor, 4 $\frac{3}{5}$ days, . .	7 69
Patrick McMahon, for labor, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, . .	7 43
Moses Mann, for labor, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, . . .	5 50
Matthew Graham, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John Desmond, for labor, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, . . .	3 94
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Total,	\$115 10

HOWARD STREET SIDEWALK.

Paid Martin P. Pike, team-work, double team,	
8 $\frac{1}{10}$ days,	\$40 50
Ephraim Mann, team-work, double team,	
1 day,	5 00
Thomas Duff, for labor, 12 $\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	21 35
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 9 $\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	16 97

Paid Lewis Jones, for labor, $9\frac{1}{5}$ days,	. .	\$16 10
John Desmond, for labor, $7\frac{7}{10}$ days,	. .	13 47
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 9 days,	. .	15 75
William Gill, for labor, $5\frac{9}{10}$ days,	. .	11 80
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 7 days,	. .	14 00
John Gill, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. .	9 62
Thomas Prior, for labor, 5 days,	. .	8 75
Matthew Graham, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. .	6 12
Jedediah French, for labor, 1 day,	. .	2 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairing tools,	. .	40
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>\$181 83
Cr. by gravel sold,	. . . . .	2 20
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>\$179 63

CURBING AND GRADING STETSON HALL LOT.

Paid S. B. Corliss, for stone and labor,	. .	\$690 35
S. S. Woodcock, architect, services,	. .	21 60
Martin P. Pike, team-work (double team),		
15 days,	. . . . .	75 00
S. B. Woodman, for labor, 14 days,	. .	42 00
Thomas Harris, for labor, $16\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. .	28 87
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 14 days,	. .	25 38
William Gill, for labor, 11 days,	. .	22 00
John Gill, for labor, 9 days,	. .	15 75
John B. Thayer, for labor, 7 days,	. .	17 50
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 8 days,	. .	14 00
Thomas Duff, for labor, 8 days,	. .	14 00
Matthew Graham, for labor, 8 days,	. .	14 00
Lewis Jones, for labor, 8 days,	. .	14 00
John Desmond, for labor, 5 days,	. .	15 75
George F. French, for labor, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	. .	11 15

Paid Patrick Stevens, for labor, 3 days, . . .	\$5 25
John Friel, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Thomas Ward, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Benjamin F. Carey, for labor, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days, . . .	2 18
George W. Pickering, for labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day . . .	1 32
Lawrence White, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	87
Royal T. Mann, labor with team, $3\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	13 13
Charles H. Mann, carting stone, . . .	5 00
Thomas F. Lynch, for 4 loads of loam, . . .	67
Thomas Harris, for 52 loads of sand, . . .	8 67
George W. Pierce, for blasting, &c., . . .	11 23
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, for lamps, . . .	10 50
Henry W. Robbins, for 9 trees, . . .	18 00
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$1108 67

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By cash received for labor, . . .	2 75
	<hr/> \$1105 92

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others, . . .	\$7 00
Elbridge Jones and others, . . .	18 08
James Riley and others, . . .	31 08
Royal T. Mann and others, . . .	31 57
Martin P. Pike and others, . . .	30 50
Martin L. Eddy and others, . . .	17 60
L. Pickering and others, . . .	5 20
A. J. Gove, . . .	10 00
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$151 03

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors, for year ending March 1, 1882,	\$10 00
Engineers of Fire Department, services and extra time to May 1, 1882,	115 00
Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1881, .	410 61
Winslow Battles, School Committee, 1882-83,	115 00
George H. Wilkins, School Committee, 1882-83,	100 00
James Molloy, School Committee, 1882-83,	100 00
John T. Flood, services as Selectman, Asses- sor, Overseer of the Poor and Surveyor of Highways,	400 00
Royal T. Mann, services as Selectman, Asses- sor, Overseer of the Poor and Surveyor of Highways,	300 00
John B. Thayer, services as Selectman, As- sessor, Overseer of the Poor and Surveyor of Highways,	300 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1850 61

POLICE.

Paid Thomas Farrell, salary,	\$50 00
Samuel A. Foster, salary,	50 00
Frank J. Donohue, salary,	50 00
E. Lawrence Payne, salary,	50 00
James E. Neary, salary,	33 00
Henry H. Francis, salary,	33 00
Henry H. Shedd, salary,	33 00
Total,	<hr/> \$299 00

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 92 funerals,	\$292 50
Ralph Houghton, summoning medical ex- aminer,	5 00
Total,	<u>\$297 50</u>

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), .	\$2139 50
Total,	<u>\$2139 50</u>

STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

* Paid sundry persons (as per account State), .	\$1892 00
Total,	<u>\$1892 00</u>

*Also one hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents, included in expense of Alms-house.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for year 1882, . .	\$744 25
Total,	<u>\$744 25</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see for items Engineers' Re- port),	\$1799 69
Total,	<u>\$1799 69</u>

RESERVOIR TURNER LIBRARY YARD.

Paid Corliss and Woodman, for constructing reservoir in Turner Library yard as per contract,	\$850 00
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Paid John B. Thayer, for labor, excavating 14 days,	\$35 00
James Riley, for labor, excavating, 12 days,	21 00
John Gill, for labor, excavating, 12½ days,	21 87
George F. French, for labor, excavating 12 days,	21 00
Denis B. Kelliher, for labor, excavating 11 days,	19 25
Patrick Barry, for labor, excavating 11 days,	19 25
Michael O'Keefe, for labor, excavating 10½ days,	17 50
Charles F. Adams, for labor, excavating 4 days,	7 00
Royal T. Mann, for labor, excavating 1 day,	2 00
Patrick Bohan, for labor, excavating 1 day,	1 75
Martin F. Smith, for labor, excavating 4 days,	7 00
Martin F. Smith, for labor, excavating with team,	3 50
Isaac N. Linfield, for labor, excavating with team,	3 20
Simon B. Corliss & Co., use of derrick and labor,	15 25
T. Fardy & Son, repairs and labor, . . .	6 50
Total,	<u>\$1051 07</u>

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Hon. Seth and Royal W. Turner contributed, toward the expense of constructing this reservoir, four hundred dollars, . . .	<u>\$400 00</u>
Making the net cost to the Town,	\$651 07

RESERVOIR SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Paid Corliss and Woodman, contractors, on account,	<u>\$300 00</u>
Total,	\$300 00

Two hundred and fifty dollars of a balance due
pon the completion of this reservoir.

ALMSHOUSE SHED.

Paid J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber, . . .	\$417 99
Horace B. Libby, for labor, . . .	184 69
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days, . . .	8 92
Thomas Duff, for labor, $4\frac{4}{10}$ days, . . .	7 78
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{10}$ days, . . .	7 17
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $3\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	7 20
Peter Gallagher, for hinges, &c., . . .	40
Total,	<u>\$634 15</u>

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By cash received for lumber sold,	9 74
Net cost,	<u>\$624 41</u>

VELIE H. DEANE CASE.

Paid A. Delia Deane, damages and costs, . . .	\$503 13
Jonathan Wales, for professional services and expenses,	114 90
Total,	<u>\$618 03</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Turner Free Library as per vote, . . .	\$500 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town reports,	251 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing warrants, notices, &c.,	113 50
J. White Belcher, for insurance, . . .	158 70
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance, . . .	136 95
Royal W. Turner, for insurance, . . .	52 50

Paid Night police,	\$103 00
Special police July 3d and 4th,	60 00
Grand Army Post 110, as per vote,	100 00
Stillman B. Woodman, resetting hall steps,	68 00
William B. Hathaway, entertaining town officers,	84 75
William B. Hathaway, entertaining fire- men,	35 60
William S. Hill, for damages,	70 00
Thomas Farrell, for services as constable,	34 74
Simon B. Corliss, for watering-troughs,	75 00
William E. Jewell, expense in Margaret Ward case (1876),	29 33
John T. Flood, expenses to Boston on Report, State aid and Tax appeal,	25 00
Henry Campbell, for varnishing hearse,	25 00
Messrs. Flood, Mann and Thayer, ex- penses on roads and records,	34 50
Henry H. Francis, for services as consta- ble,	27 50
Messrs. Flood, Mann and Thayer, ex- penses to Boston, Taunton, Brockton, Quincy, Braintree and Charlestown,	36 35
Colin Boyd, care of selectmen's office,	25 25
J. C. Hazen, for maps,	20 00
Frank H. Langley, for repairing hearse,	25 00
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	19 75
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	11 50
Colin Boyd, for labor and mdse.,	16 22
James N. Bullock, carriage hire,	13 80
Wales Bros., for pump,	11 55

Paid Colin Boyd, care of hall for town meetings,	\$10 00
Edmund Powers, for land damage,	10 00
Andrew J. Gove, carriage hire,	10 15
Jonathan Wales, for professional services,	9 00
Charles K. Darling, for books,	7 00
Henry H. Francis, for labor and material,	7 64
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	9 25
Morrison M. Alden, for labor and material,	5 64
Wales B. Thayer, for labor,	6 25
Colin Boyd, for preparing wood,	5 50
John H. Field, for postage,	5 66
Martin P. Pike, for distributing town reports, 1882,	5 00
S. F. Danforth, for labor,	5 00
Frank Porter, for stationary,	4 91
Charles A. Wales, for mdse.,	4 50
Ralph Houghton, for repairing hearse,	3 00
George H. Beaumiester, for labor,	3 55
Thomas Groom, for tax books,	2 30
Benjamin Belcher, for labor and material,	2 00
T. T. Cushman, M.D., services for board of health,	2 00
James Halpin, for labor,	2 19
John G. Poole, for postage,	1 00
Simon B. Corliss, for stone,	3 00
Charles Prescott, for mdse.,	1 20

Paid T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material,	\$1 25
Ralph Houghton, for repairs,	1 00
D. B. White & Co., for mdse.,	50
Peter Brophy, for labor,	50
Edward A. Perry, for repairs,	1 75
Total,	<hr/> \$2295 23

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The expenditure for relief of the poor during the year has decreased to some extent. The Overseers, early in May of the past year, visited each family receiving assistance, making a thorough investigation, reducing the greater portion to a less amount of aid, and causing others to become self-supporting at a saving to the town of one thousand dollars for poor out of the Almshouse, and two hundred dollars for poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook, notwithstanding the cost for necessities of life has increased; and with the exception of a few large families of fatherless children, we believe that the coming year a still larger reduction may be made in the expense of this class of poor. We removed in the latter part of June from the State Almshouse in Tewksbury, Catharine Heney, and she is now an inmate of our Almshouse. Mr. Martin P. Pike and wife have administered the duties as Superintendent and Matron of our Almshouse during the year with the same intelligence, integrity and diligence as in the past. The Board renews its testimony to the general good appearance, order and tidiness which pervade the establishment, and the many comforts that are afforded to the inmates. The Farm has been well managed the past season; its products have been an important contribution toward reducing the expense of the institution. The hay raised upon the farm has been ample for the stock, and the potato and root crop large and valuable for table and cattle use. The fact has been recognized for many

years past by the Overseers, that the barn and shed room at the Almshouse were of insufficient capacity for the proper housing and protection of the town property, and this year, owing to the increased farming and road machinery, the Board were compelled to erect a suitable shed for that purpose, making provision for the stabling of the town horses in same building. The cost incurred for building shed, six hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifteen cents, which we have charged as a separate account. The road-scraper we have charged to the Almshouse and Town Farm account, and find that, with this bill and an increase of inmates, the net expense for this institution is less than for the previous year. Mr. Pike raised and paid into the treasury of the town for labor, six hundred and eighty-three dollars and eighty-five cents, in addition to twenty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents for produce, &c., sold from April 1, 1882, to March 1, 1883. The whole number supported at the Almshouse during the year, twenty-six; average number, twenty, and one half an increase of one and one half for a full year.

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1883 :

Polly Copeland,†	Lewis Linfield,
Frances McMath,	Ellen Buckley,
Elias Cole,	Angeline Buckley,
James Harris,†	Jennie Sylvester,*
Maggie Morrisey,	David McKay,
William Morrisey, Jr.,	Maggie Quinlan,
James Connolly,§	Margaret Hollis,
Catharine Heney,	Gideon Howard, Jr.,‡
William Doyle,	Barrelle Stetson,‡

* Discharged.

† Deceased.

‡ Refunded.

§ Refunded in part.

Michael Clark,
Teresa Long,
John B. Sylvester,
Margaret Purcell,

Mary E. Buckley,
James E. Upham,†
Katie Quinlan,
William Shea.*

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year,	\$600 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies,	474 50
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal, . .	339 22
Kimball Bros., for road-scraper, . . .	175 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	149 95
Josiah Clark, for meat,	143 41
William S. Hills, for supplies,	69 75
Frank H. Langley, for labor and material, .	63 81
N. Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	56 12
George Fowkes, for harness and repairs, .	48 45
J. B. Rhines, for lumber,	47 89
Silas Pierce & Co., for supplies,	44 94
Sidney French, for boots and shoes, . . .	43 58
H. H. Guinan, for clothing,	41 35
I. D. Page, for supplies,	34 81
Winchendon Road-scraper Co., for road- scraper,	30 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, ice, &c., for James Harris,	23 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, &c., for Polly Copeland,	14 00
N. E. Buck, for supplies,	21 27
Samuel A. Capen, for two pigs,	30 00
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	17 54

* Discharged.

† Refunded.

Paid Orrin Douglass & Co., for butter, . . .	\$17 00
James Riley and others, labor on salt grass, . . .	17 00
Thomas Duff, for labor,	17 50
Old Colony Railroad Co., for freight, . . .	16 80
Heirs of William Cole, for pasturage, . . .	16 00
T. Strahan, for wall paper,	15 60
Charles E. Higgins, for labor and material, . . .	15 55
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . . .	15 50
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material, . . .	16 20
Matthew Graham, for wood,	15 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	28 71
E. A. Allen, for medical aid,	19 80
Frank Porter, for medicine,	13 30
Holmes & Blanchard, for mdse.,	12 00
John Carey, for fish,	10 64
N. H. Tirrell, for painting carriage,	10 00
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material, . . .	10 50
Hardy Dyer & Co., for mdse.,	11 55
Wallace & Vye, for supplies,	9 09
Houghton & Dutton, for mdse.,	8 44
W. Scott & Co., for clothing,	8 27
Clark Fairbanks, for clothing,	7 97
J. Morse, for mdse.,	7 49
A. J. Towns, for ice,	7 00
James E. Upham, for labor,	10 00
Ellen Barry, for nursing and washing, . . .	7 00
R. C. Kimball, for potatoes,	6 50
Burditt & Williams, for mdse.,	6 14
Royal T. Mann, for bedding hay,	4 20
Ephraim Mann, for plank,	4 50
E. A. Allen, for medicine,	3 98
Martin P. Pike, for labor on salt marsh, . . .	3 00

Paid Horace B. Libby, for labor,	\$3 84
W. B. Brown, for labor on drag-jack and nails,	3 90
S. W. Willard, for tripe,	3 00
M. D. Jones, for mdse.,	4 73
Frank Wentworth, for supplies,	3 00
Wentworth, Roberts & Co., for mdse.,	2 80
S. B. Woodman, for labor and material,	2 60
N. E. Freeman, for fish,	2 25
A. L. Chase, for medical aid,	2 70
Levi Briggs, for onions,	2 50
Walter Cartwright, for repairs,	2 20
Thomas Devine, for cabbages,	2 00
George Burrell, for labor,	2 00
Charles Piper, for mdse.,	2 00
James Harris, for repairing shoes,	1 75
William Gill, for labor,	1 75
Mrs. C. Holbrook, for labor,	1 25
A. L. Leblidue, for step ladder,	1 25
Bronze for radiator,	1 05
Sundry bills,	26 86
Total,	<u>\$2914 30</u>

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By cash paid Treasurer for labor,	\$683 85
By cash paid Treasurer for milk, produce, &c., sold, :	28 62
By cash paid Treasurer for board, amount included in bill paid by town of Holbrook,	503 66
Amount due for board,	109 00
	<u>\$1325 13</u>
Net cost,	<u>\$1589 17</u>

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$199 15
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hospital,	184 81
for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	163 36
for Almira Giles, part at State Lunatic Hospital,	111 17
for extra charges, at Danvers Lunatic Hospital, 1879-80,	30 95
for Catharine Heney, part at State Alms-house, Tewksbury,	94 04
for Edwin and Mary Chessman,	276 00
for Mrs. George F. Eddy and family,	246 51
for John C. Kelliher and family,	240 87
for Mrs. Edward Brackin and family,	223 20
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family,	181 01
for Mrs. William Grady and family,	164 25
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family,	140 25
for Mrs. Thomas Donohue and family,	98 65
for Luke O'Riley and family,	97 75
for Paul T. Clark,	95 00
for Mrs. Philip Kenney,	93 70
for Mrs. Hiram Wilson,	91 25
for Luther F. Thayer, at Boston,	86 00
for Ann F. Thayer,	100 00
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family,	83 00
for J. Wales Sylvester, at Canton,	78 00
for Mrs. John Lynch and family,	77 25
for Julia Holbrook,	61 00

Paid for Mrs. Eliza Myers,	\$60 00
for Hiram Holbrook and family, . . .	59 75
for James Carey, at Brockton, . . .	57 50
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family, . .	54 73
for Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr.), . .	55 00
for John A. Boyle and family, . . .	53 00
for Mrs. Gerald Garrity and family, at Taunton,	50 00
for Mrs. John Fencer and family, at Brock- ton,	43 00
for Mrs. Michael McGraine,	29 00
for William Kelliher and family, Glou- cester,	49 58
for Loring Jones, at Canton, . . .	48 00
for Mrs. James Butler,	45 00
for Mrs. Thomas Addison, at Boston, .	41 65
for Leonard Faunce, at City Hospital, Boston,	37 00
for William Ward, at Quincy, . . .	37 84
for Mrs. Patrick McKay,	32 50
for Noah Holbrook and wife,	36 00
for Lysander P. Holbrook, part at Quincy,	26 25
for Alexander Holbrook,	25 00
for Margaret Purcell,	30 00
for Mrs. Margaret DeNeil,	15 46
for Mrs. Bernard Purcell, Jr., . . .	15 95
for Frederic Miller,	13 63
for Mrs. John Hollis, Stoughton, . .	11 00
for Mrs. Bernard Gill,	9 00
for George C. Currie,	8 00
for John E. Finnerty, at City Hospital, Boston,	7 00

Paid for Bradford W. Sylvester, at Stoughton, .	5 00
for Francis Myers,	5 50
for Thomas Carey,	2 00
for Edwin A. Wood,	2 00
for sundry bills for aid,	55 60
for sundry bills for aid refunded,	279 27
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Total,	\$4517 36

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN
RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK, THROUGH
MILITARY SERVICES.*

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$189 38
for James O'Brien at State Reform School,	52 00
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	270 73
for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand and family,	159 85
for Morton Holbrook and family,	144 55
for John Crosby and family,	129 81
for Albert Howard and family,	102 50
for Christiana Sloan and family,	95 33
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	96 15
for Lawrence F. Leavitt and family,	76 25
for John Mann and family, part at Stoughton,	73 10
for Mrs. Mary Mullins and family, at Boston,	48 00
for Mrs. C. V. Sloan and family, at Brockton,	25 54
for James M. Holbrook and family,	18 75
for William T. Eaton,	12 23
for George W. Cook and family,	22 25
for Walter A. Jones and family,	10 45

* One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in Almshouse paid by Holbrook.

Paid for Charles Bigelow at City Hospital, Boston,	\$5 00
for William Shea,	2 75
Total,	<u>\$1,534 62</u>

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton,	\$254 10
for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington,	149 50
for Stephen Farnum, Methuen,	92 64
for Bridget Hoye, Taunton,	54 00
for Garrett O'Mahoney, Taunton,	14 00
for Lucius H. Hollis, Holbrook,	69 53
for Wilfred N. Pendergrass, Holbrook,	30 00
for Edmund Burke, Foxborough,	24 80
for Mrs. Gardner Mansfield, Braintree,	10 00
for William Wilde, Braintree,	1 50
for Chandler Cox, Braintree,	4 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury,	5 50
for Mrs. James Riley, Boston,	8 00
for Mrs. Mary McAnulty, Boston,	1 00
for John Lyman Wood, Sharon,	2 00
for James Ward, Hanover,	2 55
for Benjamin F. Carey, Lawrence,	31 43
for William F. Fullerton (Military Aid),	
Stoughton,	16 00
	<u>\$770 55</u>

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, for lodging 187 tramps in lock-up,	\$140 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	13 50
William H. Smith, for charcoal,	5 90
Daniel B. White & Co., for supplies,	8 47

Paid Charles C. Farnham, for medical aid,	\$1 00
Colin Boyd, for repairing,	37
Total,	<hr/> \$169 24
Paid for Francis Blanchard and wife,	126 82
for Annie Lynes,	80 25
for Martin T. Shea and family,	46 00
for Charles Flint and family,	22 32
Total,	<hr/> \$444 63

Included in the expenses of poor in the Almshouse, poor out of the Almshouse, poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, poor of other towns and state paupers, are the following sums of money paid to the physicians for medical aid rendered for one year, ending April 2, 1883:—

Dr. Charles C. Farnham,	\$75 00
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman,	45 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen,	75 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	75 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase,	75 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	75 00
Total,	<hr/> \$420 00

The undersigned, elected at the annual Town Meeting in April, 1882, as auditors of the accounts of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

ROYAL W. TURNER,

JAMES BURKE, JR.,

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph, 1882.

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1882.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &c.,

MARCH 1, 1883.

2 horses,	. . . . .	\$450 00
2 cows,	. . . . .	100 00
1 road-scraper,	. . . . .	175 00
3 tons of hay, English,	. . . . .	75 00
1 ton of hay, salt,	. . . . .	12 00
2 horse carts,	. . . . .	150 00
1 carriage,	. . . . .	100 00
1 farm wagon,	. . . . .	60 00
1 mowing-machine,	. . . . .	60 00
1 swing drag,	. . . . .	50 00
1 pair of wheels with pole,	. . . . .	50 00
4 harnesses,	. . . . .	50 00
1 double harness,	. . . . .	50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	. . . . .	50 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	. . . . .	30 00
4 draft chains,	. . . . .	10 00
1 grindstone,	. . . . .	10 00
3 ploughs,	. . . . .	25 00
1 wheelbarrow,	. . . . .	3 00
7 hay and manure forks,	. . . . .	5 00
1 cultivator,	. . . . .	7 00
4 shovels, 1 spade,	. . . . .	3 00
1 iron bar and 1 pick,	. . . . .	2 50
3 hoes,	. . . . .	1 00
3 rakes,	. . . . .	75
2 scythes and snaths,	. . . . .	2 00
1 sawhorse,	. . . . .	75

7 hens,	\$6 00
5 lbs. of tea,	2 00
25 lbs. of rice,	1 75
5 pounds of tobacco,	2 00
1 churn,	2 00
25 bushels of potatoes,	25 00
18 pounds of soap,	1 17
25 gallons of molasses,	12 50
3 pounds of sugar,	30
1 peck of beans,	75
Crackers,	2 50
Tripe,	1 00
Carpenter tools,	5 00
4½ barrels of flour,	36 00
5 pounds of chocolate,	1 65
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
20 colored blankets,	15 00
22 white blankets,	20 00
13 bedspreads,	8 00
10 comforters,	10 00
12 feather-beds,	75 00
17 under-beds,	25 00
49 sheets,	29 00
41 pillow-cases,	15 00
36 feather pillows,	12 00
22 towels,	3 00
4 table-cloths,	3 00
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining-tables,	12 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrels, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00

Cooking-stove and furniture,	\$55 00
6 flatirons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 steelyards,	1 50
1 woodsaw,	1 25
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
3 hammers and 33 drills,	45 00
1 fire-extinguisher,	40 00
1 ice-chest,	12 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
6 cords of wood,	24 00
1 clock,	4 00
1 road-scraper,	25 00
2 tons of coal,	16 00
300 pounds of pork,	45 00
1 washing-machine,	8 00
60 pounds of lard,	9 00
9 lamps,	4 00
32 flour barrels,	3 20
125 pounds of ham,	17 50
25 yards of cotton cloth,	2 00
8 yards of flannel,	1 35
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	\$2392 43

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1883.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town : —

For schools (see report of School Committee),

" repairs, furniture and incidental expenses, . \$8,300 00

For General town expenses, items :

miscellaneous,	\$2,000	
almshouse,	2,500	
poor,	4,500	
military aid,	1,000	
	<hr/>	\$10,000 00
" Highways,	2,500	00
" Union street widening,	2,500	00
" Fire department (see report of Engineers),	2,000	00
" Town debt,	7,000	00
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Total,	\$32,300	00

GUIDE-POSTS.

Guide-posts erected and maintained by the town need repainting, and the Selectmen recommend a special appropriation for the same.

(See Public Statutes, chapter 53.)

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. FLOOD,

ROYAL T. MANN,

JOHN B. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT

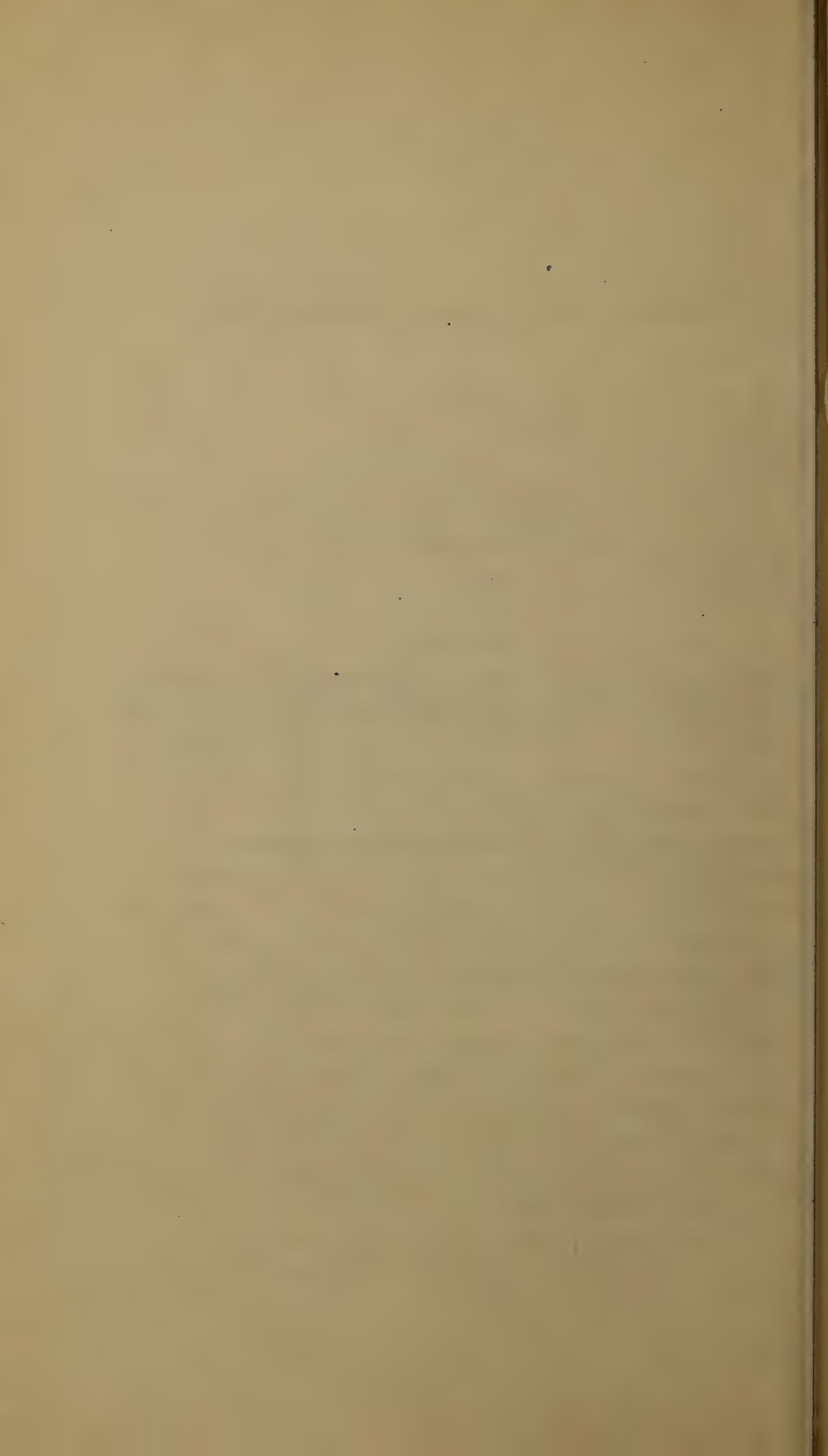
OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1882-83.



REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the requirements of the law the School Committee hereby make and submit their Annual Report, as follows : —

The primary and grammar schools of the town have been in session thirty-eight weeks, exclusive of vacations, making the school year covered by this report, and which closed on the 9th of March, current.

At the close of the first term of the year it became apparent that the two schools — Primary and Sub-Grammar — that had heretofore been maintained in the Town Hill District, No. 6, could conveniently be united in one room, and under the charge of one teacher. This change was effected, and Miss Sarah V. Wilde, who for several years had been the teacher of the Sub-Grammar Department, performing her duties with marked fidelity and general acceptance to the patrons of the school, tendered her resignation, not being inclined to teach an ungraded school. Miss Emma H. King was placed in charge of consolidated school, and has administered its affairs with the success and satisfaction anticipated, for the last two terms of the year.

At the same time the four divisions of the Prescott Primary School, employing as many teachers, were reduced to three, and have been carried on the rest of the year by three teachers, with no diminution of interest or progress on the part of the pupils.

By these consolidations the corps of teachers, in the primary and grammar departments of the schools, has been

reduced from seventeen to fifteen, and none of the teachers have been overburdened by excessive numbers or work.

With these exceptions the schools have been operated on the same basis and under the instruction of the same teachers as the previous year, with a single exception. During the summer vacation Miss Minnie M. Babbitt, on account of impaired health, tendered her resignation of the position of teacher in the North Primary District. Miss Carrie L. Wilkins, a graduate of the Stetson High School, was chosen to fill the vacancy, and she is earnest in her efforts to maintain the former high standard of the school.

There have been enrolled six hundred and ninety children, as in attendance upon the schools some part of the year. From this number an average attendance of only five hundred and two has been maintained, and the teachers' registers show only *eleven* cases of *perfect* attendance through the year, as follows: Maggie L. Reilly, Minnie A. McCarthy, Nellie F. McCarthy, Harry E. Tileston, Weston L. Mann, Patrick F. Clark, Charles E. Clark, Esther M. Towns, Sarah E. Stetson, Elmer B. Paine and Nellie Pope — these not having been absent a single session.

By these figures a large average absenteeism is developed, more than a hundred each session of the schools. Add to these those of schoolable age who have not attended at all, and consequently are not registered at any of the schools, and there is presented a formidable array of non-attendance and absenteeism, which, if continued, cannot fail to prove detrimental to the schools and hurtful to the individuals thus bereft of their privileges.

The Committee respectfully and earnestly submit that this showing in regard of attendance is not creditable to the town, which has not been illiberal or niggardly in appropriations

for school purposes, or praiseworthy to those who thus deprive their children of the means of a common school education so amply provided for all; but on the contrary, it demonstrates a neglect of or indifference to the true welfare of their children, in too many cases, to be passed without remark of earnest expostulation and pointed appeal that this serious drawback to the widest usefulness of the schools be overcome. It is not enough that a part only of the children, though a very large part, receive the benefit of the common schools. They are established and maintained for and thrown open to all. Their privileges — instruction and disciplinary training — become the inheritance of every child in the community, not to be abridged in its enjoyment during the school age by caprice or indifference, whether of the child or of those who control him.

The hope is confidently entertained that a common school system, supported at public expense, bestowing its favors and blessings upon all, irrespective of station or circumstance, may receive a fuller recognition as a potent means to the advancement and prosperity of a community, placing a people, through the accession of oncoming generations of greater culture, upon a higher and broader plane of employment, of usefulness and of happiness.

The children who have attended school with regularity in any of the grades have made commendable progress in their school work, and hold an advanced position as compared with the same classes a year ago. More intelligent methods in the presentation of subjects and in conducting recitations by continued use, in connection with multiplied recourse to object or *objective* teaching, wherein the fertility of brain and ingenuity of the teacher are displayed to the best advantage and with telling effect, have given to the labors of the

average teacher increased efficiency in awakening to greater activity the mental powers of the pupils, and, consequently, attaining more useful and satisfactory results.

The work of the schools, though not in every case all that is desired, is nevertheless better than in the past, and of inestimable benefit to the faithful recipient; but to meet the demands of the times, the changed condition of industries, enterprises and living, there comes up a claim that it must be better still, or rather that it shall furnish the training and development of ability that will enable the adult to step into independent, active life with the means of earning a living where competition is so extensive and sharp.

Whatever, in the way of improvement in the far-reaching art of teaching, that has, by demonstration, sustained its claim, Committee and teachers alike have welcomed, and incorporated into their work as circumstance and condition have afforded opportunity. All educational problems are not yet solved, at least to the satisfaction of all. The more theories there are in regard of means and methods, the greater the diversity of opinion concerning their practice.

But there is substantial unanimity in sentiment among educators, of the necessity of securing, through the training of the schools, a more practical education, so far as it goes, that shall prepare the youth of to-day to fully respond to the increasing calls to new fields of activity in industrial and artistic labors which the development of the industries of the country demands. That the schools of this town may contribute to this result and project into the active arena of the competitions of the age, her quota of mental force and skill, let them still maintain a prominent place in the regards and interests of the people, with an all-engrossing determina-

tion that nothing but the sternest necessity shall interfere with the fullest attendance of the children through the whole school period.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

During the year more extended courses in supplementary reading have been planned and earnestly entered upon. These courses, as their designation implies, are to supplement the ordinary exercises in reading from the prescribed readers, and embrace selections calculated to impart knowledge of a more *technical* character, such as geography, history of the United States, and branches of natural history, as of plants and animals. First, their object is to secure to the pupils the ability to read *at sight* by practice in *sight* reading. Secondly, as all the members of a given class or of the school at the time are concerned in the exercise, either as readers or listeners, the means are afforded to the listeners for training the faculty of comprehending, through the medium of the ear, the subject of written discourse when pronounced by another and to discipline the memory to retain knowledge thus acquired. It is contemplated, as no unimportant feature of the plan, that all the class, readers and listeners, shall, through close attention, be able to give in response to the teacher's call the subject matter of the selection read, its particular statements, the truths developed, and the meanings of unfamiliar terms; and at times to reproduce in written form the selection under consideration, or any portion of it that the teacher may designate, using such language as they can command of their own, rather than trying to retain from memory the precise language of the text.

Thus three important points in the process of education are gained, or strengthened at the least, by this system of

training: the ability to read at sight, a very useful as well as pleasure-giving accomplishment; the ability to comprehend through the medium of the ear, as distinguished from the ability to comprehend through the medium of the eye, and the acquisition of useful knowledge. And then might be added the means of increasing the vocabularies of the pupils and of accomplishing something serviceable in the direction of fluent and correct use of language.

SCHOOL LIBRARY.

In this connection the Committee deem it no departure from their proper sphere of remark to present a few reflections upon the subject of reading in general, as a means of information or of amusement.

The sources of original information, travel, exploration, discovery and experiment with natural elements are not available to any considerable portion of the human family. Most people who would obtain knowledge of the outward world are of necessity driven to books as the source, the records of what others have found out by travels, explorations, investigations and experiments. In the domain of history, for instance, the resort to written statement is imperative, for beyond what is written in this line little, if anything, can be known. As all who would know or possess knowledge cannot become original inquirers and thus obtain knowledge at first hands, recourse must be had to books, while it cannot be denied that the most accurate, abiding and useful knowledge is that obtained through observation and experiment rather than by study of what another has committed to the printed page of his own knowledge, convictions and reflections. So the art of printing is often placed highest in the line of beneficent inventions among

men. The multiplication of books in the last half century is wellnigh boundless. There is little cause now for the ejaculation, "Oh that mine adversary had written a book," for "of making of books there is" certainly "no end" yet, and through the creation of libraries, public and private, and the distribution of reading matter among the people in a general way, almost any dearth other than that of books might be anticipated. At this time, when newspapers, magazines, periodicals and quarterlies, and books of more permanent character, come dropping from press and bindery thick as falling leaves in autumn, it is demanded by the requirements of society and a proper discharge of life's duties, that reading be general. Once the problem was, how to *get* books; now it is how to *select* and read only that which is helpful and elevating, whether read for information or entertainment. No one who duly appreciates the influence one's reading exerts upon him for good or evil, who values stability and fixedness of character and purpose, can afford to pursue a course of desultory, fragmentary reading. There must be, first, a purpose, then a plan to secure the purpose, embracing the proper works or books to be read.

These remarks apply to the youth of the town, many of whom are found in the High School and the advanced classes of the Grammar Schools, with more force, it may be, than to the adult portion of the reading community; at all events, it is for them that the Committee are chiefly and specially concerned; for them that they propose a plan for a better use of the valuable opportunities of the Turner Free Library as a means of education.

The School Committee have for some time felt that the benefits of this excellent institution to the young, as an educational force, have not been utilized as they might easily be,

through the adoption of some plan looking towards assistance in the selection of the works or books to be read in connection with school work. The teachers have often referred to the great help it would be to their more advanced pupils and to themselves in their capacity as teachers, to have the means of recommending courses of reading auxiliary to the work in school, and have expressed their approval of the proposition, which the School Committee will at no distant day submit to the consideration of the Trustees of the Turner Free Library for the establishment of a branch, to be designated the "School Department" of the Library — selected from its well-stored alcoves, and made up of approved works bearing directly upon the studies of the High School and the first classes of the Grammar Schools.

Should such a measure be adopted the Committee confidently appeal to the parents and guardians of the children for co-operation in carrying it into effect, and thus securing to the young the best results from their reading.

DRAWING.

The subject of drawing has received a good share of attention in its place among the required studies in the public schools. Its importance in the education of youth is gaining recognition to an extent that warrants the conclusion that ere long it will hold rank with any of the branches taught in the common schools. The subject is no longer held as an accomplishment which only the favored few can afford to possess, neither is it held as something to be practised only by those endowed with that subtile essence called genius. In the common schools, it is true, nothing is attempted in the realm of "high art," only what is denominated industrial drawing, extending to free-hand drawing. Even this prac-

tice leads the pupils up to designing, and in many cases already with pleasing results in originality and execution. Those who, through this culture of eye and hand, become trained to design or skilled to execute, go out into the world as with an *added* faculty to do and achieve in securing an independent livelihood. As the teaching of drawing to all children in the State — now enforced by positive statute — is intended to fit them to *do* more and better for themselves in after life, as well as to respond to the demand for greater skill and better work in industrial pursuits, it should receive a cordial welcome and a prominent place in the studies of the schools, both common and high. In the coming year it is hoped more may be done in this valuable branch than in the year just closed.

The schools of the town have fully maintained their previous good standing, and offer inviting facilities to all the youth for an education ample to constitute them independent, self-supporting men and women in the world's struggles and conflicts, and when the common school course is extended by the facilities presented by the Stetson High, there would seem to be criminal neglect somewhere if illiteracy shows its baleful presence in the rising generation.

It affords the Committee pleasure to extend congratulations to the citizens of the town that through the increased appropriation of last year for the support of the High School, the Trustees have been able to secure what they have felt was much needed in the equipment of the school — a laboratory. One of good proportions has been fitted up in the former bank-room, and supplied with apparatus, chemicals and specimens to the extent the means at hand would allow, thus adding greatly to the educational forces of the institution.

Now what is the duty of parents and guardians of children? To see to it that they are not deprived of or allowed to be indifferent to their precious opportunities.

The financial statement herewith following shows the aggregate cost of the schools, and, in detail, the manner in which the appropriation and other receipts for the support of schools have been applied, exhibiting an unexpended balance therefrom of over \$1000. While it has been the ever-present aim of the Committee to administer the sacred and most important trust committed to them by their fellow-citizens, under the laws of the Commonwealth, at an expense not in excess of funds available, they have pursued no miserly course, or withheld expenditure when the successful operation of the schools would have been retarded thereby.

The Committee respectfully recommend to the town to raise and appropriate, for the support of the public schools, the following sums : —

For teaching,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$6575 00
fuel,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	375 00
care of rooms,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	450 00
repairs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
general and incidental expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	400 00
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$8300 00

In regard of the amount recommended for repairs it may be remarked that the Prescott School House needs painting outside and to be renovated inside, and the yard must be graded to meet the level of the surface around the reservoir so as not to longer trench upon private rights by the unrestrained flow of water from the premises. Further, the gentleman who has rented the use of his well and pump to the town for several years, declines this use any longer than is

necessary for the Committee to make other arrangements. They deem it sound judgment and true economy to sink a well for the proper accommodation of the two schools, the Prescott Grammar and Primary, with something over two hundred pupils.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1882-83.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average whole number belonging.	* Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 15 years.	Number not absent during the year.
Prescott Grammar.	Thomas H. West.	48	39	37	93.4	12		
	Sarah E. Shankland.	48	41	34	83.0			
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	51	46	41	89.1			
	Kate E. Sheridan.	45	42	40	93.0			
Prescott Primary.	Mary A. Molloy.	40	37	35	95.0			
	Mary E. Wren.	43	32	27	84.0			1
	Kittie R. Molloy.	63	48	41	85.5			
North Grammar.	Joseph Belcher.	72	58	55	95.3	5		5
	Alice A. Smith.	44	38	34	90.0			
North Primary.	Emma D. Stetson.	45	40	35	89.0	2		2
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	41	30	23	77.0			
No. 1. Ungraded.	Minnie W. Corliss.	41	30	22	73.0	1		
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	41	34	30	88.0	5		1
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	32	27	24	89.0			1
" 6. "	Emma H. King.	36	30	28	93.0	1		1
		690	572	506	Ave. 87.8	18	8	11

* Average attendance computed on average number belonging.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

To the School Committee of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — In accordance with the by-laws of the town under which we received our appointment, we beg to report that we have visited the schools from time to time, and have seen the parents or children when names have been reported by the teacher. We find but few habitual, but many occasional, absentees. We are again compelled to blame the parents for this carelessness, as it is beyond the control of the officers. We have not any cases of truancy to report, where we have felt it necessary to proceed to the extremity of the law.

GALEN HOLLIS,

THOMAS FARRELL,

Truant Officers.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1882-83.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	. . .	\$1000 00
Joseph Belcher, 1 year,	. . .	832 90
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	. . .	450 08
Alice A. Smith, 38 weeks,	. . .	375 06
Sara C. Belcher, 38 weeks,	. . .	362 90
Ellen P. Henry, 38 weeks,	. . .	362 90
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 38 weeks,	. . .	359 86
Mary A. Molloy, 38 weeks,	. . .	349 98
Kittie E. Sheridan, 38 weeks,	. . .	349 98
Emma H. King, 38 weeks,	. . .	322 50
Emma D. Stetson, 38 weeks,	. . .	304 00
Mary E. Wren, 38 weeks,	. . .	304 00

Paid Minnie W. Corliss, 38 weeks,	\$304 00
Kittie R. Molloy, 38 weeks,	285 00
Sarah V. Wilde, 13 weeks,	111 15
Carrie L. Wilkins, 25 weeks,	187 50
Mary D. Dooley, 13 weeks,	78 00
M. Lizzie Stanley, 9 weeks,	67 50
Minnie M. Babbitt, 4 weeks,	30 00
Total,	<hr/> \$6437 31

FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	\$336 25
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	22 50
John Wales, for wood,	4 50
sundry persons for shavings and preparing wood,	20 13
Total,	<hr/> \$383 38

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$229 58
Galen Hollis,	75 00
Mary Feeney,	18 33
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson,	28 35
Herbert C. Wilbur,	15 00
Sarah V. Wilde,	16 00
John T. Wales,	7 00
Mrs. William Shields,	6 00
Emma H. King,	16 00
Thomas O'Holloran,	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$412 26

FOR FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES AND
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid William Ware & Co., for books, . . .	\$193 54
Boston School Supply Co., for books, . . .	134 52
Winslow Alden, for labor and material, . . .	63 50
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., mdse., . . .	60 48
E. B. Bridgman, for mdse., . . .	96 44
Charles A. Wales, for labor and material, . . .	55 57
Lee & Shepard, for books, . . .	42 01
Thomas H. West, for labor on books, . . .	50 00
Thompson and Brown & Co., for mdse., . . .	36 80
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . . .	27 93
Claffin & Brown, for mdse., . . .	30 20
Knight, Adams & Co., for books, . . .	31 67
Blackner & Shepard, for mdse., . . .	22 53
L. Prang & Co., for books, . . .	22 83
Ginn & Heath, for books, . . .	17 28
J. A. Swasey, for mdse., . . .	17 50
Morrison M. Alden, for labor and material, . . .	35 14
D. B. White & Co., for mdse., . . .	20 64
Thomas Farrell, truant officer, . . .	25 00
Galen Hollis, truant officer, 2 years, . . .	30 00
A. G. Whitcomb, for mdse., . . .	18 00
Charles E. Pratt, for taking census, . . .	20 00
A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . .	21 25
Colin Boyd, for care of room, . . .	12 00
Cowperthwait & Co., for mdse., . . .	15 22
Harper Bros., for mdse., . . .	13 40
James E. Nash, for repairs, . . .	10 40
Nathaniel Noyes, for repairs, . . .	6 62
John F. Bowditch, for mdse., . . .	5 25

Paid Patrick Feeney, use of well,	\$6 00
Bernard Wren, for removing snow,	7 00
Wales Bros., for labor and material,	8 00
Daniel H. Huxford, for printing,	4 50
N. Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	4 11
Joseph Belcher, for tuning piano and sundry bills,	3 50
George H. Smith, for mdse.,	4 05
Richard Stevens, for labor,	4 00
John Carter & Co., for mdse.,	3 60
Lawrence Hayes, for use of well,	3 00
Deborah M. Jones, for use of well,	3 00
Charles Prescott, for mdse.,	2 48
Richard Stevens, for carriage hire,	2 00
Herbert L. Wilbur, for mdse.,	38
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, for mdse.,	25
Galen Hollis, for labor and key,	2 25

Total, \$1193 84

Included in the above is cash refunded to the

Town Treasurer, for books sold,	\$334 68
Stock of books on hand,	100 00
Town appropriation,	8700 00
State School fund,	216 52
Coddington fund,	100 00
Uncollected bills,	50 00

Total, \$9501 20

TOTAL EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$6437 31
for fuel,	383 38

Paid for care of rooms,	\$412 26
for miscellaneous expenses,	1193 84
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Total,	\$8426 79
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Expenditures less than the appropriation,	\$1074 41
Paid for Stetson High School,	\$1500 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

WINSLOW BATTLES,
 GEO. H. WILKINS,
 JAMES MOLLOY,
School Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following Report: —

ORGANIZATION.

The department organized May 1, 1882, as follows: —

ENGINEERS.

Charles A. Wales, *Chief*; John B. Wren, *Clerk*; Henry H. Francis, James E. Neary, Myron W. Hollis.

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; W. P. Alden, *Engineer*; J. T. Cartwright, *Fireman*.

Steamer No. 2, Frank Wentworth, *Driver*; Benjamin Belcher, *Engineer*; G. F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Horse Hose No. 2, Cyrus N. Thayer, *Driver*.

Hose Co. No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hose Co. No. 2, 10 men, Geo. W. Shedd, "

Pioneer H. & L. Co. No. 1, 25 men, Samuel A. Foster, "

Extinguisher Co. No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, "

FIRES.

The department has been called to the following fires:

July 22, 7 P.M. Steamer No 1, Hose No. 1 and Pioneer No. 1, went to East Stoughton in response to a call for assistance.

November 25, 2 A.M. House and Barn of Frank E. Stetson. No alarm given.

November 26, 6.30. Alarm given for a fire at South Braintree. House and barn of Wm. Pitt Hayden. Whole department responded. Steamer No. 2 and Hose No. 2 went to the fire.

November 27, 2.15 A.M. Mechanics building; owned by John Long, between North and Howard streets. Badly damaged. Occupied by N. H. Tirrell, Wm. B. Brown and James D. Sheridan. House of Wm. Shephard slightly damaged. Whole department present.

December 1, 6.45 P.M. House of Fred. Miller, on Lafayette street. Slightly damaged. Whole department responded.

EXPENSES FOR 1882-83.

Whole amount appropriated, \$1800, divided as follows:—

For pay of men,	\$1000 00	
general expenses,	800 00	\$1800 00
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Paid 60 men, \$12,	\$720 00	
10 men, \$10,	100 00	
Engineers and Firemen,	128 33	
general expenses,	851 36	\$1799 69
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Balance less than appropriation,	.	31
To be refunded,	.	20 00
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		\$20 31

STEAMER NO. 1 AND HOSE NO. 1.

Paid 20 men, services year ending May 1,	
1883, \$12,	\$240 00

Paid W. P. Alden, services as engineer year ending May 1, 1883,	\$40 00
John T. Cartwright, services as fireman year ending May 1, 1883,	30 00
Wm. B. Brown, repairing hose carriage,	5 25
N. H. Tirrell, varnishing hose carriage,	10 00
Manchester Locomotive Works, reel hub,	7 50
Edwin M. Mann, pine wood,	3 00
H. H. Francis, repairing floor of house,	19 58
W. P. Alden, pipe for sprinkler,	3 35
W. P. Alden, packing, waste, oil, &c.,	5 35
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house,	28 25
T. Fardy & Son, repairs on hose carriage,	50
T. Fardy & Son, hooks for sprinkler,	50
C. A. Wales, lantern, globe and burner,	1 30
C. A. Wales, coal hod,	60
C. A. Wales, lining and blacking stove,	2 00
C. A. Wales, zinc pipe,	52
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	9 22
A. J. Gove, bill of 1881,	34 75
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer, coal, &c.,	50 00
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer to East Stoughton,	*20 00
W. P. Alden and John T. Cartwright, care steamer, fires, removing snow, &c.,	84 38
John T. Cartwright, steward's bill,	15 45
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	\$611 50

STEAMER NO. 2 AND HOSE NO. 2.

Paid 10 men 10 months' services, ending May 1, 1882,	\$100 00
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* To be refunded.

Paid Benjamin Belcher, 10 months' services, ending May 1, 1882,	\$33 33
G. F. Howard, 10 months' services, end- ing May 1, 1882,	25 00
John T. Cartwright, spanner sockets, straps, &c.,	2 50
James Riley, rent of land,	15 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting sign,	10 50
T. Fardy & Son, irons for sign,	40
Wm. A. Howard, wood,	2 75
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house,	14 00
C. A. Wales, zinc, copper, tacks, &c.,	1 65
C. A. Wales, balance on stove,	10 00
C. A. Wales, lantern,	1 00
Benjamin Belcher, cleaning engine,	14 50
Benjamin Belcher, step-ladder,	1 50
Benjamin Belcher, handle for door,	50
Benjamin Belcher, fire-board and screws,	23
Benjamin Belcher, barrel shavings,	15
G. F. Howard, steward's bill, care of fire, &c.,	37 75
G. F. Howard, labor on steamer,	15 75
Charles Prescott, supplies,	1 62
Josiah Clark, drawing steamer and hose carriage,	40 00
Josiah Clark, care of harnesses,	3 00
Josiah Clark, wood,	2 00
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	\$333 13

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.

Paid 25 men, services year ending May 1, 1882,	\$300 00
N. E. Knight, steward's bill,	10 25
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	\$310 25

EXTINGUISHER No. 1.

Paid 15 men, services year ending May 1, 1882,	\$180 00
John McGrane, steward's bill, care of fires, &c.,	85 00
C. O. Bennett, supplies,	1 81
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	1 02
Mary Sullivan, rent of land,	10 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting sign,	9 00
R. W. Turner, coal for house,	21 50
C. A. Wales, tunnel and burners,	2 00
C. A. Wales, stove grate,	1 00
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	\$311 33

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Hall Rubber Co., coats,	\$27 00
Colin Boyd, care of rooms two years,	12 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting coats,	5 00
John McGrane, cleaning Ind. engine,	3 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for steamers,	97 33
A. J. Gove, expressing,	1 02
A. J. Gove, team,	1 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing,	9 00
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	\$155 35

RESERVOIRS AND EXTRA LABOR.

Paid Hose Co. No. 1,	\$35 75
No. 2 and others,	25 13
Extinguisher Co. No. 1,	2 25
Wales Brothers,	15 00
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	\$78 13

RECEIPTS.

Received for old hose and benches sold,	\$4 76
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Paid Steamer and Hose Co. No. 1, . . .	\$611 50
Steamer and Hose Co. No. 2, . . .	333 13
Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, . . .	310 25
Extinguisher Co. No. 1, . . .	311 33
General expenses, . . .	155 35
Filling reservoirs and extra labor, . . .	78 13
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	\$1799 69

ENGINE-HOUSES.

The houses, with the exception of some repairs, are in good condition.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are full and in good order. We would recommend that the town should build at least one the present year.

HOSE.

The amount of hose in the department at present is the same as last year, 2850 feet canvas hose, and about 600 feet leather hose, which is of no use for steamers. This is all the hose we consider necessary for the present year.

PAY OF MEN.

The pay of men we leave for the town to take action on.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We would ask for the following amounts : —

70 men,

2 engineers,

2 firemen,

General expenses, \$1000 00

APPARATUS.

We think steamers, hose-carriages, extinguisher and truck are all in good order.

In closing, we would thank the drivers, engineers, firemen, and each member of the department, for their promptness during the past year.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief,*

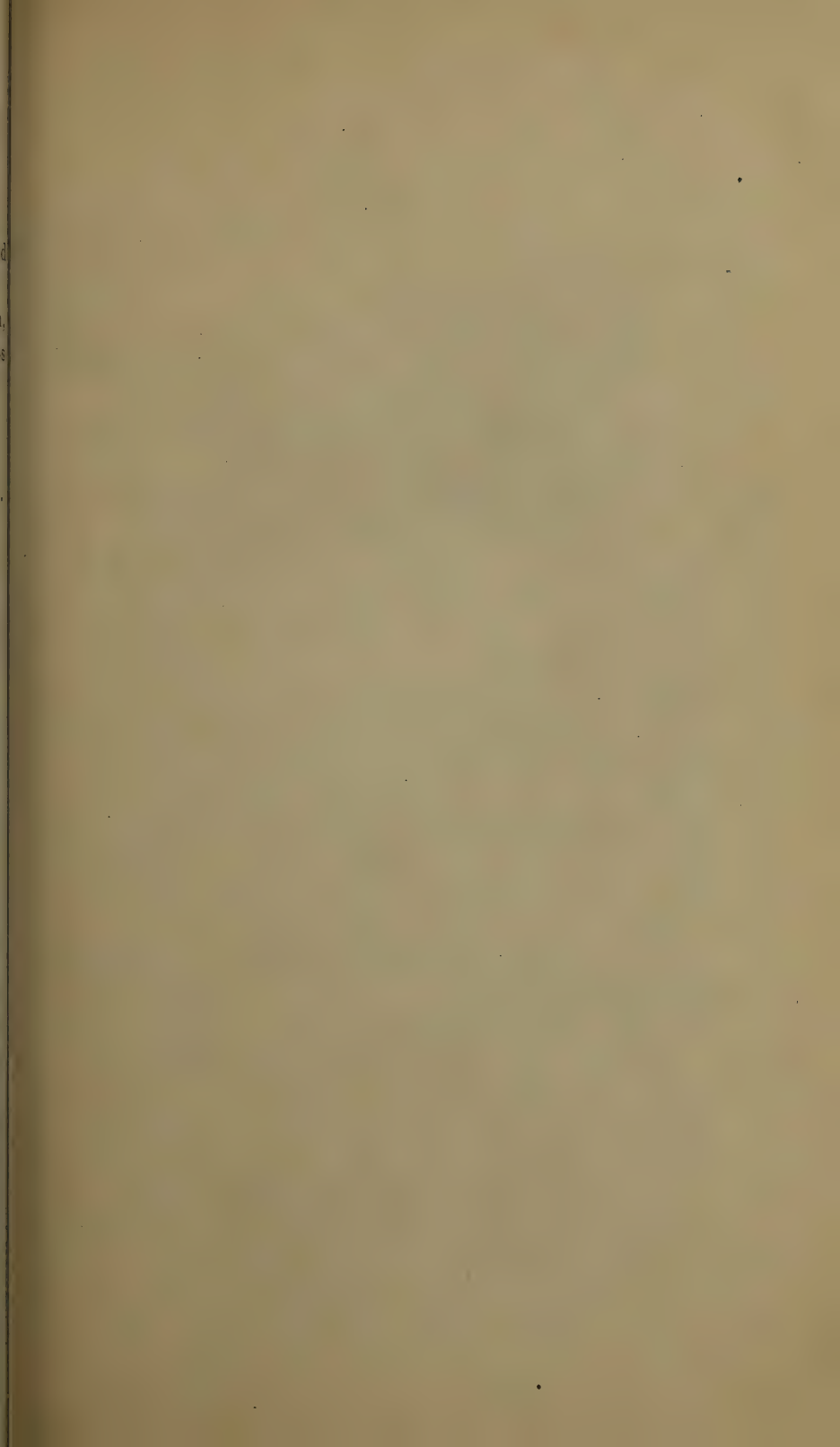
JOHN B. WREN,

HENRY H. FRANCIS,

JAMES E. NEARY,

MYRON W. HOLLIS,

} *Engineers.*



DR. TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

1883.

Paid Town Orders.	\$39,023 00
Treasury Notes,	13,500 00
Interest on Treasury Notes,	1,798 87
Turner Library, Dog License receipts,	338 43
State Treasurer, State Tax,	2,740 00
State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	3,001 30
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	12 56
Cheek Books, Record Book, P. Cards, P. Stamps,	
Stationery, &c.,	34 50
Expense on Election Returns at Stoughton,	5 00
Treasurer,	100 00
Town Clerk and R. Houghton, Fees for births, marriages and deaths,	76 55
Town Clerk, Fees for Licenses,	5 00
Balance,	6,930 60

\$67,565 81

Balance:

Cash, Bills and T. O.,	\$4,639 49
Due from E. M. Roel, Col.,	2,291 11
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	\$6,930 60

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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1883. March.

Balance.	\$7,168 96
Received for Treasury Notes.	\$3,500 00
" Tax Bill, 1882.	36,628 97
" Bank dividends.	80 00
" of E. M. Roel, Collector, interest on Taxes, 1881.	226 51
" of C. C. Churchill, County Treasurer, Dog Licenses.	338 43
" of sundry persons, for Lignor Licenses.	10 00
" of Supt. School Committee, for School Books sold.	334 68
" of Old Colony Railroad Co., for land sold.	50 00
" of E. M. Roel, Collector, for Extra Taxes, 1881.	168 40
" of H. P. Mann, old water trough.	1 00
" of H. L. Peirce, for rent of Ponkapog Pond.	10 00
" H. E. Britton, guardian of J. E. Upham.	5 00
" Sundry persons, on account of Reservoir at Library.	400 00
" Sundry persons, aid refunded.	279 27
" for Lumber sold (Town Farm).	9 74
" for Grading.	2 75
" for Salt Grass.	20 00
" of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax.	2,716 12
" of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax.	3,999 18
" of State Treasurer, State Aid.	2,278 50
" of State Treasurer, Indigent Soldiers and Sailors.	996 70
" of State Treasurer, State School Fund.	216 52
" of State Treasurer, State Paupers.	447 68
" of Town of Methuen, Pauper.	230 50
" of City of Taunton, Pauper.	52 00
" of Town of Stoughton, Fire dept., \$30. Pauper, \$16.	46 00
" of Town of Abington, Pauper.	143 75
" of Town of Braintree, Pauper.	20 50
" of Town of Foxboro', Pauper.	36 40
" of Town of Duxbury, Pauper.	52 00
" of Town of Easton, Pauper.	218 10
" of Town of Holbrook, settlement 1882.	1,287 70
" of Town Farm, labor, \$683.85, produce and milk, \$28.62.	712 47
	<hr/> \$67,563 81

STATE OF THE TREASURY MARCH 1, 1883.

DR.

Town notes outstanding,	\$34,000 00
Interest on notes to March 1,	125 00
Bills unpaid,	250 00
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	\$34,375 00

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Coddington Fund. — 8 shares Randolph Nat. Bank, \$1600 00	
Seth Marsh, Quincy, 500 00	
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	\$2,100 00
Due from E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, Tax 1882,	2,291 11
Due from other towns. Pauper accounts,	553 02
Due from State. Pauper accounts,	275 39
Due from State. State aid,	2,512 50
Due from State. Aid to soldiers and sailors, acct. 1879,	1,183 40
Due from R. Adams. Note and interest,	850 00
Due from Treasurer,	4,649 49
Amount of school-books in hands of S.S. Committee,	100 00
Amount due for board at Almshouse,	109 00
Balance,	19,751 09
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	\$34,375 00

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1883.

The undersigned, elected as Auditors of Accounts of the Town of Randolph at the annual Town Meeting in April, 1882, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

ROYAL W. TURNER,
JAMES BURKE, JR.,
C. G. HATHAWAY,

Auditors.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

The Trustees of the Stetson School Fund beg to submit their annual Report, hoping to meet your approbation as to its general tenor and import, at least.

The funds remain, as heretofore reported, invested in Bank Stocks, of which the following is a list : —

10 shares	Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	\$1,000
10	" Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Hide & Leather Nat'l Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Shoe & Leather Nat'l Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
10	" Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
20	" Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000
13	" Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300
13	" Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300
		\$10,600

By annexed financial exhibit, it will be seen that the income from the fund, together with town appropriation, has just met the expenses, which the Trustees have endeavored to keep at the minimum. The chemical and other apparatus essential to the furnishing of a laboratory, as spoken of in the previous report of the Trustees, and favorably entertained by the town, have been procured, and the old bank-room fitted to meet the requirements of the same ; so that the

needs of the school in that regard have been met to the satisfaction of the Trustees, while the School Committee of the town, upon examination, by request, have been pleased to express gratification and entire approbation thereof. Whatever has been the case in the past, the town now has a school perfectly competent to discharge all the functions of a High School, as provided by statute law of the Commonwealth. As it is well known, practically, the largest sum that can be expected from the income of the fund, also the least amount that can be made to meet the expense of the school for the ensuing year, the Trustees ask the town, most respectfully, to appropriate, for such purpose, the sum of thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, it being much desired that it should retain its present enviable standing. Here it becomes a duty to call attention to the immediate necessity that exists for the reshingling of Stetson Hall, as well as the making of certain other repairs consequent upon such necessity. These will involve an outlay of eight hundred dollars, which they recommend the town to appropriate for that purpose.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

At the annual commencement of the school, on Monday, March 27, 1882, under the charge of Mr. E. N. Loring, assisted by Miss Ada B. Chandler, there was an enrolment of seventy-two members, and the average attendance of pupils during the thirty-eight weeks that the school has been in session has been sixty-two. The principal having executed his work in a manner which their previous experience with him led them to expect he would, and the assistant's labors fully meeting all that her excellent reputation had promised for her, it adds much to the gratification of the Trustees to be assured of their conclusion to remain in their respective

positions, at least during the ensuing year. They, therefore, bespeak for the school in the future a degree of success commensurate with its palpable advantages. The annual public examination occurred on March, 16th inst., in its rooms, the graduating exercises taking place in Stetson Hall, where diplomas were awarded in the presence of the Trustees, the School Committee, Clergy of the town, and a very large audience of much interested persons.

Much in approval of the exercises on this occasion the Trustees feel might properly be said by them here, but they prefer rather to give the opinion and language of another who was present at the graduation in Stetson Hall. This opinion, coming as it does from one disinterested in any special sense, seems to be better authority than commendations emanating from the Trustees or others connected directly with the school.

"The senior exercises of the Stetson High School surpass in excellence any which I have witnessed in a similar Institution. The members of the graduating class distinguished themselves by their dignity and self-control.

"The exercises showed a departure from the usual routine, and additional interest was given to them by the judicious selection of essay subjects and recitations.

"The language selections were particularly well rendered, and in a manner whose perfection was due alike to the instruction of the teachers and the application of the pupils. The general appearance and conduct of the school bespeaks thorough training in the elements of culture and education.

"The entertainment as a whole was of a character most pleasing, and the Trustees have, I think, good cause to congratulate themselves that the school is under efficient management."

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Dennis Andrew O'Brien,	Bridget Agnes Shay,
Murton Merit Maloon,	Annie Genevieve Molloy,
Katherine Frances O'Connell,	Sara Adnea Eddy,
Marian Belcher,	Mary Victoria Reynolds,
Ann May Brady,	Alice Whitcomb Towns,
Hannah Frances Hoye,	Frank Ellis Wodward.

Near the close of the term applicants for admission to the school the ensuing year were examined, and twenty — ten girls and ten boys — being found to meet the requirements, were given permission to enter on its reopening.

The school will reopen on Monday, the 26th of March inst., at 9 o'clock A.M.

EDWARD KANE,
DANIEL HOWARD,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

RANDOLPH, March 19, 1883.

DR. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1882.			
Feb.	To Balance of old account.		\$112 45
April.	Exchange National Bank, dividend,	\$30 00	
	Randolph National Bank, dividend,	65 00	
	Tremont National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Eliot National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
	Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	26 00	
	Boylston National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
	Webster National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
Oct.	Exchange National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
	Randolph National Bank, dividend,	65 00	
	Tremont National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Eliot National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
	Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	26 00	
	Boylston National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
	Webster National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
	Hide and Leather National Bank dividend,	25 00	
			306 00
June 27.	Town Appropriation (part of),		700 00
Nov. 28.	Town Appropriation (balance of),		800 00
1883.			
Feb.	Rent of Hall during year, sundry parties,		188 00
	Tax refunded by State,		192 70

\$2605 15

SETH TURNER.

Secretary.

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1882.			
March	22.	By paying D. H. Huxford, bill printing, . . .	\$34 00
April	18.	By paying William H. Smith, charcoal, . . .	12 00
		By paying Abington Mut. Ins. Co., policy, . . .	29 13
June	12.	By paying E. N. Lovering, salary, . . .	300 00
	22.	By paying E. N. Lovering, bill, minerals, &c., . . .	13 00
		By paying Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary, . . .	171 05
		By paying Colin Boyd, care of room, &c., . . .	18 42
		By paying Winslow Alden, repairs, . . .	102 86
July	3.	By paying T. B. Woodman, bill, . . .	5 33
		By paying Chas. A. Wales, bill repairs, . . .	35 77
	7.	By paying Thos. Hall, bill merchandise, . . .	60 65
		By paying E. S. Ritchie, bill merchandise, . . .	47 77
Aug.	5.	By paying Daniel N. Howard, bill, chemicals, . . .	47 81
	23.	By paying F. G. Bodwell, repairs roof, . . .	46 50
Sept.	6.	By paying Colin Boyd, bill old board room, . . .	8 28
	8.	By paying Chas. E. Higgins, bill printing, . . .	34 30
	21.	By paying Daniel N. Howard, balance bill Aug. 5, . . .	15 00
Oct.	2.	By paying E. N. Lovering, bal. half year's salary, . . .	400 00
Nov.	20.	By paying J. White Belcher, insurance on piano, . . .	1 60
	24.	By paying Miss Ada B. Chandler, bill salary, . . .	144 74
		By paying Miss Ada B. Chandler, school-books, . . .	2 66
	27.	By paying Colin Boyd, care of room, . . .	18 16
		By paying J. White Belcher, insurance policy, . . .	10 00
	28.	By paying Edwin H. Mann, wood, . . .	4 38
Sept.	19.	By paying William H. Smith, charcoal, . . .	15 00
Dec.	13.	By paying Chas. A. Wales, bill, . . .	42 02
	22.	By paying D. H. Huxford, printing, . . .	7 67
		By paying E. N. Lovering, salary October, 1882, to January, 1883, . . .	350 00
1883.			
Feb.	15.	By paying S. W. Leavitt, bill plastering, . . .	75
		By paying Trustees and Secretary, serv. one year, . . .	20 00
March	1.	By paying E. N. Lovering, salary Jan. 1 to April 1, . . .	350 00
		By paying Miss Ada B. Chandler, bal. due April 1, . . .	184 21
		By paying Colin Boyd, care of room, &c., . . .	21 31
		By paying D. B. White & Co., bill sundries from March, 1880, . . .	18 50
		By paying R. W. Turner & Co., bill coal, . . .	28 70
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Balance,			\$2601 77
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			3 38
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			\$2605 15

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain same as last year, in the bank stock reported by the Trustees, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the Secretary, Hon. Seth Turner.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER.

RANDOLPH, March 19, 1883.

Selectmen of Randolph.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1882-83.

SETH TURNER, *President.*

J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE,

REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER.

JOHN T. FLOOD, ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph, ex officiis.

BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL,

NATHANIEL HOWARD, JOHN B. THAYER,

J. WINSOR PRATT.

Librarian.

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant.

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The undersigned herewith presents the seventh annual report of the Turner Free Library in compliance with article 3d of the by-laws, showing the condition of the trust, the building, Library and funds, with extracts from the reports of the Librarian and the various committees which have been submitted to the trustees for the year ending December 31, 1882.

TRUST.

The building, Library, investments, and income arising from the same, properly belong under this head; and the Finance Committee (consisting of John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt, Royal T. Mann and John B. Thayer) in their report to the Trustees, state that the cash fund remains the same as in previous years, viz., a note of the town of Randolph for \$5000, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, which is in the hands of the Treasurer, also an unexpended balance of $\$1027\frac{8.5}{100}$. The Committee recommend that the sum of \$300 (instead of \$500 as formerly), with the amount received for dog licenses, be appropriated by the town for the benefit of the Library the ensuing year.

BUILDING.

The report of the Committee on Building (signed by Royal W. Turner, J. White Belcher and John B. Thayer), states the total amount expended for repairs during the year ending December 31, 1882, has been $\$38\frac{4.6}{100}$; for janitor, \$125; supplies, $\$8\frac{8.0}{100}$; light, $\$151\frac{6.1}{100}$; fuel, $\$121\frac{5.0}{100}$; exp-
 pressing, $\$39\frac{6.2}{100}$. The receipts for rents amount to $\$617\frac{5.0}{100}$, and have been paid in full to January 1, 1883; also the parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part for said service. It will be seen from the report of the Treasurer that there has been a larger amount received for light than has been expended for the same, which is explained by the fact that the parties receiving the same have paid for fifteen months' supply, while the account shows an expenditure for only one year. This method was adopted so that hereafter the accounts for receipts and expenses will cover the same time. The build-

ing and contents are reported to be in good condition, with no large expenditure in prospect for the present year.

FUNDS.

This department consists of what has already been alluded to in the report of the Finance Committee, viz., a note of the town of Randolph for \$5000, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounting to \$1027 $\frac{85}{100}$. The report of the Treasurer hereto annexed shows in detail the receipts and expenses for the year ending December 31, 1882.

The income for the current year is estimated as follows ; viz., —

From rents,	\$600 00	
Interest on town note,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$900 00
Appropriation asked from the town of money received for dog licenses (estimated),	\$250 00	
Appropriation as recommended by the Trustees and asked from the town,	300 00	\$550 00
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		\$1450 00

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the Library Committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, Messrs. Seth Turner, Benjamin Dickerman and Gilbert A. Tolman) and the report of their investigation, as to the care and usage of books, the good order and decorum at all times observed by visitors during library and reading-room hours, was very satisfactory, the result of which is attributable in a great measure to the ability and excellent management of the librarian, Dr. Charles C. Farn-

ham, and his assistant, Miss Margaret W. Boyd, who have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their respective duties. The responsible and arduous duties of the Library Committee in the selection and purchase of books have been performed with great care and with their usual discretion and good judgment, and as indicated in the report of the Librarian, the character of the books selected, from their constant circulation, has met the approval of our reading community. During the past year several valuable periodicals have been placed in the reading-room.

The report of the Librarian gives the following statistics for the year 1882:—

Number of days the library was open to the public,	288
Volumes issued during the year,	21,347
(an increase of 766 volumes over the previous year)	
Largest daily issue,	252
Average daily issue,	74
Smallest daily issue,	6
Number of cards issued to January 1, 1883, .	2420
Number of applicants for books over the preceding year,	155

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

Periodicals bound,	25
Donations,	55
Purchased,	384
Number of volumes in Library, January 1, 1883,	8047

The total circulation each year, together with the daily

average since the Library has been in operation, has been as follows; viz., —

1876, total circulation,	22,000.	Daily average,	80.
1877, "	21,296.	"	78.
1878, "	24,897.	"	85.
1879, "	23,470.	"	72.
1880, "	18,685.	"	67.
1881, "	20,581.	"	70.
1882, "	21,347.	"	74.

As the inquiry is sometimes made why so large a percentage of the books taken from our Library belong to the class termed fiction and juvenile reading, the following comparison is made, as regards the circulation of books in other libraries in this vicinity, which shows that Randolph is not an exception in this respect: —

TABLE.

<i>Per Cent of Circulation as to Each Class.</i>									
	Population Census 1880	No. books in Library.	Average Monthly Circulation	Fiction and Juvenile.	Miscellane- ous.	Travel and Adventure.	History.	Biography.	Poetry.
Randolph,	4027	8047	1779	63 $\frac{1}{10}$	4 $\frac{8}{10}$	10 $\frac{2}{10}$	5 $\frac{2}{10}$	6 $\frac{4}{10}$	10 $\frac{3}{10}$
Braintree,	3855	6000	1219	71	7	4	4	2	2
Quincy,	10529	13000	3385	63	11 $\frac{3}{10}$	3 $\frac{5}{10}$	4 $\frac{8}{10}$	3	1 $\frac{7}{10}$
Dedham,	6224	7883	1843	84	7 $\frac{3}{10}$	3 $\frac{6}{10}$	2 $\frac{3}{10}$	2 $\frac{1}{10}$	1 $\frac{7}{10}$
Weymouth,	10570	6112	4449	75	13	5	3	2	2
Rockland,	4553	4684	2424	81	9 $\frac{5}{10}$	3 $\frac{5}{10}$	2 $\frac{5}{10}$	1 $\frac{5}{10}$	1 $\frac{5}{10}$

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1882.	RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand,		\$1027 85
Rent received from Randolph National Bank,		200 00
Rent received from Randolph Savings Bank,		100 00
Rent received from D. B. White & Co.,		300 00
Rent received from Ladies' Library Association,		17 50
Cash received from town appropriation,		500 00
Cash received from town (dog tax),		336 94
Cash received from interest on town note,		300 00
Cash received from banks for proportion of heat,		72 10
Cash received from banks for proportion of light,		31 26
Cash received from parish for proportion of light,		52 12
Cash received from S. and R. W. Turner for proportion of light,		125 08
Cash received from catalogues sold,		1 55
Cash received from fines,		35 64
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		\$3,099 74

Jan. 1, 1882.	EXPENDITURES.	
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,		\$500 00
Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,		679 41
Amount paid janitor, salary one year,		125 00
Amount paid for gasoline,		151 61
Amount paid for fuel,		121 50
Amount paid for supplies,		8 80
Amount paid for printing,		63 75
Amount paid for expressage,		39 62
Amount paid for repairs,		38 46
*Balance on hand,		1,371 59
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		\$3,099 74

* Deposited in Randolph National Bank.

RANDOLPH, JANUARY 1, 1883.

The undersigned, as Committee on Finance, having made the annual examination of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Turner Library,

hereby report that they find the accounts correctly kept, with proper vouchers for all expenditures, and proper credits for all money received.

JOHN V. BEAL.

NATHANIEL HOWARD.

JOHN B. THAYER.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH TURNER,

President of Board of Trustees.

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1883.

BIRTHS.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1882.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1882.		
Jan. 16,	Edward Brady, . . .	James and Margaret (Cahill).
17,	Anne Albertha White, . . .	William H. and Anna M. (Donohue).
7,	Thomas Boyle, . . .	John C. and Margaret (Farley).
21,	Luella Josephine Burrell, . . .	Samuel and Emily L. (Eddy).
25,	Robert Best, . . .	William R. and Mary.
27,	Mabel V. Tabor, . . .	Willie and Anna (Sullivan).
28,	— Igo, . . .	Thomas H. Leavy and Nellie J. Igo.
Feb. 20,	Albert F. Blanchard, . . .	Frank H. and Emeline W. (Broad).
3,	James Heney, . . .	Charles and Mary A. (Walsh).
21,	Elmer Burton Eddy, . . .	Eli and Ella A. (Bridges).
11,	Margaret Barrett, . . .	John and Mary S.
21,	— Belcher, . . .	Benjamin and Carrie A. (Billings).
March 12,	Joseph H. Marron, . . .	James H. and Margaret F. (Saxton).
20,	Alice Dunn, . . .	John and Catharine (Green).
6,	Michael J. English, }	Thomas F. and Fanny E. (Hogan).
6,	Nicholas F. English, }	
28,	Bertha E. Tucker, . . .	Alfred H. and Sylvia E.
30,	Minnie Francis Chessman, . . .	Samuel and Eloira E. (Mann).
7,	— Tirrell, . . .	Augustus L. and Sarah J. (Pool).
April 9,	Alice McGaughey, . . .	William F. and Mary E. (Powderly).
30,	Isabella Donohue, . . .	Thomas and Ellen.
26,	Mabel Jones, . . .	Adam W. and Matilda A. (Tower).
7,	Walter E. Scanlan, . . .	Maurice and Honora.
13,	Herbert Frank Langley, . . .	Frank and Anne (Higgins).
9,	— Shay, . . .	Martin T. and Mary (Murphy).
May 17,	Frank Corliss Wales, . . .	Henry J. and Alma B. (Corliss).
26,	Flora May Paine, . . .	Syria W. and Lucy M. (Jones).
18,	William W. Good, . . .	William E. and Maria (Kelleher).
8,	Margaret Donnovan, . . .	Joseph and Margaret (McMahon).
7,	Catharine A. Mahoney, . . .	Patrick and Ellen (Pope).
June 8,	William J. Lynch, . . .	Thomas F. and Alice B. (Carey).
26,	Charles E. Campbell, . . .	William and Rosetta (Ward).
5,	Albert Emerson Baker, . . .	Minot Wales and Emma A. (Fritts).
28,	Archibald G. Porter, . . .	Daniel R. and Emma J.
29,	Caroline Devine, . . .	Thomas and Mary Dorr.
July 6,	Florence S. Howard, . . .	Charles F. and Lydia W. (Purrrington).
14,	Sarah E. Perry, . . .	Edward F. and Martha E. (Turner).
31,	Edward L. Dennehy, . . .	Daniel D. and Margaret (McConety).
21,	Julia E. Mann, . . .	Moses F. and Julia A.
10,	Joseph Devine, . . .	Edward and Mary E. (Flaherty).
3,	Florence Ann Hayes, . . .	John and Kate (Manning).
26,	— Barry, . . .	Michael and Mary (Sullivan).
August 1,	Lizzie E. Quinn, . . .	Peter and Catherine E. (Wren).
9,	Marion W. Vye, . . .	Fred. W. and Lizzie S.
21,	Sophia R. Cole, . . .	Charles H. and Fanny K. (Leach).
28,	Lester Clark, . . .	Benjamin L. and Lucy A. (Myers).
1,	George A. McAuliffe, . . .	Richard and Margaret (McSweeney).
Sept. 1,	John W. M. Conway, . . .	John H. and Lavina (Ripley).
21,	Mary Catharine Sullivan, . . .	John F. and Sarah E. (Bennison).
24,	William J. McLaughlan, . . .	James P. and Mary E. A. (Kerrigan).
17,	Timothy Manix, . . .	Patrick and Fanny C.
Oct. 8,	Mary A. Foley, . . .	David J. and Kate F. (Dolan).
27,	James F. Uniach, . . .	Richard and Elizabeth (Cahill).
1,	Charles Mahoney, . . .	Jeremiah and Ann A. (Sullivan).

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Oct. 23,	——— McLaughlan, . . .	Michael J. and Jane (McIvor).
Nov. 17,	Ellen McGarrigle, . . .	Charles and Anna E. (McLaughlan).
13,	——— Thompson, . . .	James and Susan M. (Pool).
Dec. 25,	——— Holbrook, . . .	Morton and Malinda (Hollis).
9,	Dennis H. Sullivan, . . .	Michael and Mary (Sullivan).
9,	John Morgan Gainor, . . .	James F. and Mary P. (Morgan).
26,	Mary Catharine Hurley, . . .	William H. and Catharine J. (Hogan).
27,	——— Glover, . . .	Emery and Sarah (Eddy).

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1882.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan. 3,	Jeremiah John Mahoney, . . .	Randolph,	23
	Anna A. Sullivan,	Canton,	19
Feb. 19,	Stephen N. Swain,	Quincy,	32
	Isabel A. Lyons,	Randolph,	22
	21, Albert H. Moors,	Brockton,	23
	Anna McMahon,	Randolph,	23
March 8,	James M. Mead,	Newport, R.I.,	24
	Anna Sullivan (Wollson),	"	27
	23, Orraville L. Dunton,	Brockton,	22
	Etta F. Eddy,	Randolph,	18
April 8,	George Everett Hollis,	Randolph,	18
	Caroline E. Stetson,	"	18
	2, Charles Francis Allen,	Cohasset,	24
	Susy Maria Mott,	"	17
	25, William Thomas Coleraine,	Braintree,	25
	Mary Ann Donohue,	Stoughton,	22
May 10,	Thomas McLaughlan,	Holbrook,	25
	Delia Elizabeth Flaherty,	"	24
	11, John B. Wren,	Randolph,	28
	Mary C. Dargan,	"	26
	12, William F. Morrissey,	Randolph,	37
	Margaret T. McLaughlan,	"	23
June 3,	Daniel Murphy,	Quincy,	30
	Rose Nolan,	Randolph,	24
	6, Timothy DeNeil,	Randolph,	25
	Mary J. Heney,	"	23
	6, Charles E. Linfield,	Randolph,	42
	Julia Carnes (Collier),	Boston,	46
	21, John F. Dumphy,	Randolph,	26
	Margaret A. Powderly,	"	27
July 3,	David Rice Daniels,	Randolph,	23
	Ella Lois Wood,	"	18
	6, Philip Green,	Randolph,	31
	Lillias Trainor,	"	24
	12, Adoniram Smith,	Randolph,	59
	Mary Louisa Prescott,	"	34
31,	Gilbert B. Spencer, Jr.,	Brockton,	25
	Carrie E. Hunt,	"	23

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Sept.	10, John F. Sullivan,	Stoughton,	26
	Mary A. Wren,	Randolph,	21
	21, John H. Sutton,	Randolph,	30
	Mary E. McDonald,	"	24
Oct.	11, George H. Hummel,	Newton,	27
	Nora A. Kiley,	Randolph,	25
	18, Charles H. Braley,	New Bedford,	53
	Patience Cobb Holmes,	Randolph,	36
	26, Timothy H. Mullins,	Randolph,	25
	Catharine T. Foley,	"	21
Nov.	15, James J. Hoyer,	Randolph,	27
	Anna A. Heney,	"	27
	16, Charles S. Dolan,	Randolph,	24
	Katie B. Walsh,	Boston,	22
	28, Frank Howard Tileston,	Randolph,	21
Dec.	Cora Luella Ross,	"	24
	16, Patrick Henry Sullivan,	Randolph,	21
	Maria Hagerty,	"	21
	24, Charles Kimball,	Hopkinton,	22
	Mary A. Adams,	Randolph,	16
	25, Herbert Morton Taber,	Randolph,	23
	Hattie Emma Towns,	"	19

DEATHS.

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH, 1882.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1882.					
Jan.	4, Asa Morton,	84	3	1	Heart Disease.
	6, Alice Foley,	-	2	13	Infantile.
	9, Elizabeth B. Farnum,	81	5	-	Old Age.
	11, Henry Arthur Stetson,	-	3	9	Marasmus.
	13, Bradford Wales Sylvester,	49	3	4	Consumption.
	13, Hannah Curtis,	71	3	22	Consumption.
	16, Catharine Reilly,	74	-	-	Apoplexy.
	16, Jane Neary,	63	6	27	Consumption.
	28, Adoniram Judson Mann,	76	10	-	Old Age.
	28, Nellie F. Lynch,	1	2	16	Dysentery.
Feb.	30, Charles H. Porter,	4	-	7	Typhoid Fever.
	30, Jonathan Hunt,	66	-	-	Consumption.
	5, Harriet Hayden,	74	2	9	Congestion Lungs.
	8, Ann Hand,	71	-	-	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
	9, Elbridge G. Niles,	71	9	2	Congestion of Brain.
	11, Mary Ann Barry,	20	6	-	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
	17, Rose O'Reilly,	-	5	22	Convulsions.
	21, Anne Devine,	-	2	7	Marasmus.
	23, Maria Howard,	23	2	25	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	Mar.	2, Mary Lynch,	73	-	-	Typhoid Pneumonia.
Apr.	5, Adam Wallace Freeman,	51	-	-	Typhoid Pneumonia.
	7, ——— Tirrell,	-	-	1	Infantile.
	10, William H. Leahy,	23	5	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	11, Annie Powers,	31	-	-	Phthisis.
	20, Owen Neary,	73	-	-	Cancer.
	25, John G. Pool,	69	6	24	Bronchitis, Heart Disease.
	2, Minnie Francis Chessman,	-	-	3	Erysipelas.
	6, Almira Giles,	71	3	6	Phthisis.
	10, Ellen F. Barry,	24	4	3	Acute Phthisis.
	10, James Y. Shaw,	59	7	10	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.
May	13, Cora J. Spear,	27	6	-	Consumption.
	14, Abigail C. Bradford,	72	2	6	Pneumonia.
	21, Catharine Thayer,	42	3	25	Cancer of womb.
	22, John W. Barry,	17	10	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	23, Louis Victor Deane,	2	8	7	Typhoid Pneumonia.
	26, Polly Copeland,	82	-	-	Pneumonia.
	4, Abel Stetson,	70	11	22	Consumption.
	9, Josie E. A. Austin,	45	9	9	Cancer of Liver.
	12, Margaret Keefe,	52	-	-	Double Pneumonia.
	15, Mary J. Niles,	72	8	8	Cerebro-Spinal Sclerosis.
June	17, Maria L. Brown,	61	10	23	Pneumonia.
	25, Elisha F. White,	2	8	11	Diphtheria.
	26, Polly Mann,	87	2	1	Apoplexy.
	1, Emeline A. Belcher,	71	9	3	Disease of Heart.
	4, Hiram Alden,	77	6	21	Asthenia.
	11, Charles A. Elliott,	1	3	4	Consumption of Blood.
	16, Mehitable R. Mann,	46	10	-	Lightning Stroke.
	20, John De Neil,	53	-	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
	23, William H. Hayes,	67	4	8	Tuberculosis.
	23, William W. Sloan,	29	10	17	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
July	25, Catharine McMahon,	70	-	-	Incarcerated Hernia.
	26, Lucy Ann Mann,	50	8	14	Pneumonia.
	2, Charles Heney,	55	4	29	Rheumatism.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
July 8,	Florence Ann Hayes, . . .	-	-	5	Infantile.
17,	Linus Belcher, . . .	66	4	1	Pyæmia.
25,	Moses Jones, . . .	79	10	-	Heart Disease.
26,	— Barry, . . .	-	-	1	Infantile.
26,	Mary Barry, . . .	26	-	-	Albuminia.
Aug. 12,	James L. Bullock, . . .	13	4	24	Accidental Drowning.
13,	John W. M. Conway, . . .	-	-	14	Diarrhœa.
23,	Asa R. Howard, . . .	79	-	29	Pneumonia.
25,	Elizabeth E. Quinn, . . .	-	-	25	Infantile.
28,	John Niles, . . .	77	2	26	Heart Disease.
28,	Peter Rooney, . . .	67	7	13	Phthisis.
30,	James Harris, . . .	23	4	-	Epileptic Fits.
Sept. 5,	Elmer Burton Eddy, . . .	-	6	15	Cholera Infantum.
10,	Flora May Paine, . . .	-	3	16	Convulsions.
10,	Patrick McLaughlan, . . .	67	-	-	Bronchitis.
17,	Rebecca Blanchard, . . .	97	4	23	Old Age.
28,	Martin T. Shay, . . .	48	-	-	Heart Disease.
Oct. 3,	Thomas Prior, . . .	55	-	-	Pneumonia.
18,	Mary McAuliffe, . . .	9	-	25	Ascaris Lumbricoidis.
20,	Hannah Belcher, . . .	82	8	20	Apoplexy.
23,	Jane McLaughlan, . . .	38	3	23	Gastritis.
23,	— McLaughlan, . . .	-	-	1	Infantile.
Nov. 2,	Avis Perry, . . .	81	3	-	Old Age.
2,	William T. Eaton, . . .	51	10	-	Malaria.
3,	Samuel Clark, . . .	79	5	12	Chronic Gastritis.
7,	James F. Harris, . . .	27	1	12	Intussusception.
8,	Ellen A. Acron, . . .	38	2	8	-
12,	Nancy H. Roel, . . .	71	4	8	General Debility.
20,	Sarah E. Flaherty, . . .	23	1	-	Pneumonia.
22,	Julia Smith, . . .	66	-	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
27,	Olive Howard, . . .	80	-	24	Old Age.
27,	Elizabeth A. Morgan, . . .	43	-	-	Pneumonia.
Dec. 5,	Thomas Lynch, . . .	77	-	-	Consumption.
7,	Peter Howard, . . .	81	2	24	Old Age.
10,	Sarah A. Langley, . . .	69	-	-	Pneumonia.
15,	Mary Dumphy, . . .	57	-	-	Pneumonia.
19,	Thomas E. Durgan, . . .	31	2	28	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
19,	Mary T. Alden, . . .	79	-	26	Lupus.
24,	— Glover, . . .	-	-	2	Infantile.
26,	Joanna Uniack, . . .	75	-	-	Consumption.
26,	Mary Spear, . . .	88	9	16	Old Age.

Any person perceiving any error in the returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths is requested to report the same to the Town Clerk, that it may be corrected.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Asthenia; albuminia; accidental drowning; acute phthisis; ascaris lumbricardis; congestion of lungs; congestion of brain; cerebral hemorrhage; cerebro-spinal sclerosis; consumption of blood; cholera infantum; chronic gastritis; cancer; cancer of womb; cancer of liver; dysentery; double pneumonia; diphtheria; diarrhœa; epileptic fits; erysipelas; gastritis; general debility; intussusception; incarcerated hernia; lightning; lupus malaria; pyæmia; rheumatism; typhoid fever; tuberculosis; unknown,—one each. Bronchitis; pulmonary tuberculosis; marasmus; convulsions,—two each. Heart disease,—five. Infantile; old age; phthisis, pulmonalis.—seven each. Consumption,—eight. Pneumonia,—10. Total, 94.

Under 5 years of age,	.	.	.	.	.	18
Between 5 and 10 years of age,	.	.	.	.	.	1
" 10 " 20 "	"	"	.	.	.	3
" 20 " 30 "	"	"	.	.	.	10
" 30 " 40 "	"	"	.	.	.	4
" 40 " 50 "	"	"	.	.	.	6
" 50 " 60 "	"	"	.	.	.	9
" 60 " 70 "	"	"	.	.	.	10
" 70 " 80 "	"	"	.	.	.	23
" 80 " 90 "	"	"	.	.	.	9
" 90 " 100 "	"	"	.	.	.	1
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	94

Any person perceiving any omissions or errors in the foregoing report of the births, marriages and deaths is requested to report the same to the town clerk.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,
Town Clerk.

RANDOLPH, January 1, 1883.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 NORFOLK, SS. }

To HENRY H. FRANCIS, *or either of the Constables of the
 Town of Randolph in said County,* GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the second day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also a trustee for Stetson School Fund.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate

money for repairs of Stetson Hall as recommended by trustees.

ART. 8. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to the widening and building of Union street as ordered by the County Commissioners, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. To decide upon the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses, viz., miscellaneous, almshouse, support of poor, and military-aid expenses, for the ensuing year, and make appropriation thereof.

ART. 11. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines, and the pay of engine-men, and raise and appropriate the same.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the by-laws, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 16. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under the direction of Captain Horace Niles, Post 110.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 18. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in relation to raising and making an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the Turner Free Library ; also to see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses the ensuing year to the use of said library.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party, or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1883.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to repair and erect guide-boards where deemed necessary, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 24. To hear reports of committees, and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Norfolk County Register and Holbrook News," a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with

your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph this nineteenth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN T. FLOOD,
ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest : HENRY H. FRANCIS,

Constable of Randolph.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, SUPERINTENDING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT, AND TREASURER,

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STETSON SCHOOL
FUND, AND OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
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FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1883-84.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of
Highways.

ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER. RUFUS A. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JAMES MOLLOY	. . . .	Term expires April 1, 1884.
WINSLOW BATTLES	. . . .	" " " 1, 1885.
THOMAS DOLAN	. . . .	" " " 1, 1886.

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

DANIEL HOWARD	. . . .	Term expires April 1, 1884.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	. . . .	" " " 1, 1885.
CHARLES H. HOWARD	. . . .	Resigned.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY. CHARLES F. McMAHON.
ELISHA MANN, Jr.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.
HENRY H. FRANCIS.	HENRY H. SHEDD.
FRANK J. DONOHUE.	JOHN HANEY.

SAMUEL A. FOSTER.

Fence Viewers.

ELEAZER BEAL. EPHRAIM MANN. ADAM F. JONES.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*. JOHN B. WREN, *Clerk*.
JAMES E. NEARY. HENRY H. FRANCIS. MYRON W. HOLLIS.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Tax Collector.

EDSON M. ROEL.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

BUSHROD MORSE, HENRY H. FRANCIS,
of Sharon. of Randolph.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1884, upon the financial affairs of the town, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The appropriations in all the departments under our special supervision have been found fully sufficient.

HIGHWAYS.

The repairing of highways having been again assigned to our charge by vote at the last annual meeting, we have made general repairs throughout the town. In pursuing this work, we find the road scraper of valuable assistance, and its use a matter of economy, and we believe the streets are in much better condition than usual at this season of the year.

UNION STREET.

By vote of the town we proceeded to the widening and rebuilding of Union street as ordered by the county commissioners. This we found a most difficult and expensive undertaking, consisting largely in removing ledges, and building retaining walls. After calling the attention of the County Commissioners to certain changes in location which we thought advisable, but were not allowed, we felt compelled to proceed with the work, which was continued under the able superintendence of Martin P. Pike, but was not completed, owing to the lateness of the season. We have expended in the prosecution of this work the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars and sixty-seven cents, and estimate

that it will require a further sum of three hundred dollars for its completion.

GUIDE POSTS.

Guide posts have been erected and maintained within the town in accordance with Chapter 53 of the Public Statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN ; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,000 00
Stetson high school,	1,350 00
Stetson Hall repairs,	800 00
repairs of highways,	2,300 00
reduction of town debt,	7,000 00
fire department,	1,850 00
general town expenses,	9,500 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
guide boards,	100 00
county tax,	1,674 07
state tax,	2,175 00
Total,	<u>\$34,849 07</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1883.

Real estate,	\$1,453,800 00
Personal estate,	563,580 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the state,	266,367 50
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the state,	177,187 70
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,460,935 20</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1883, \$14.20 on \$1000.

Number of polls, May 1, 1883, . . .	1,196
of dwellings, May 1, 1883, . . .	777 $\frac{1}{8}$
of horses, May 1, 1883, . . .	364
of cows, May 1, 1883, . . .	210
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1883, .	5826 $\frac{3}{4}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1884.

Almshouse property and farm, . . .	\$11,000 00
Town house and land, . . .	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up, . .	4,200 00
One fire engine, hook and ladder carriage, apparatus and fixtures, . . .	1,725 00
Two steam fire engines and apparatus, . .	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus, . .	1,150 00
One hearse, . . .	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh, . . .	500 00
School-house and land, District No. 1, . .	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2, . .	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3, . .	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4, . .	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5, . .	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6, . .	1,650 00
Prescott school-house and land, . . .	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank, .	1,440 00
Stetson school-fund, par value, . . .	10,600 00
Turner school-fund, par value, . . .	1,000 00
Turner free library, . . .	5,000 00
Turner free library, building and land, .	40,000 00
Turner free library, fund, . . .	5,000 00
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	\$143,265 00

EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$35,692.53.

On account of schools, teaching, fuel and care	
of rooms,	\$7,321 74
of repairs and incidentals,	1,711 79
of Stetson high school,	1,350 00
of highways,	2,082 74
of removing snow,	146 41
of town officers,	1,812 24
of funeral expenses,	225 00
of state aid,	1,537 50
of military aid,	1,562 72
of abatement of taxes,	509 40
of fire department,	1,811 86
of reservoir,	250 00
of James D. Lee case,	974 73
of miscellaneous expenses,	1,557 20
of poor in almshouse,	2,402 80
of poor out of almshouse,	4,265 41
of poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook, military,	1,601 67
of poor of other towns,	987 90
of state paupers and tramps,	204 46
of guide posts,	28 75
of Union street,	2,700 67
of Stetson Hall repairs	647 54
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	\$35,692 53

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
For schools with income :		
From other sources, . . .	\$8,766 41.	\$9,033 53
Stetson high school, . . .	1,350 00	1,350 00
Stetson Hall repairs, . . .	800 00	647 54
Repairs of highways, . . .	2,300 00	2,082 74
Removing snow, . . .		146 41
Poor out of almshouse, . . .	4,500 00	4,265 41
Poor in almshouse, . . .	2,400 00	2,402 80
Miscellaneous expenses, . .	1,800 00	1,557 20
Poor of Randolph and Hol-		
brook,	net	1,067 78
Poor of other towns, . . .		987 90
Guide boards,	100 00	28 75
Fire department,	1,850 00	net 1,707 27
Military aid,	900 00	1,562 72
Town officers,		1,812 24
Funeral expenses,		225 00
State aid,		1,537 50
Abatement of taxes,		509 40
Reservoir,		250 00
James D. Lee case,		974 73
Union street,		2,700 67
State pauper and tramps, . .		204 46
Refunded by Holbrook and		
Braintree fire department,		104 59
Refunded by Holbrook for		
poor,		533 89
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		\$35,692 53

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for services, $29\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	\$59 27
Martin P. Pike, for two horses and carts, $29\frac{7}{10}$ days,	89 10
Martin P. Pike, for scraping roads, town team,	98 25
Josiah Clark, for team, scraping roads, .	56 25
Josiah Clark, for double team, $17\frac{9}{10}$ days,	89 50
Ephraim Mann, for double team, 4 days, .	20 00
Charles H. Mann, for double team, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	22 50
Rufus A. Thayer, for single team, 4 days,	14 00
Isaac N. Linfield, for single team, 6 days,	21 00
James Reilly, for single team, $13\frac{8}{10}$ days,	48 30
Royal T. Mann, for single team, 7 days,	24 50
Royal T. Mann, for double team, $8\frac{3}{10}$ days,	41 50
Thomas Good, for single team, 2 days, .	7 00
Samuel Willard, for single team, 1 day, .	3 50
Francis E. Stetson, for single team, 4 days,	14 00
John Desmond, for labor, $52\frac{8}{10}$ days, .	92 40
Thomas Duff, for labor, $52\frac{8}{10}$ days, . .	92 40
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $52\frac{8}{10}$ days, .	92 40
Matthew Graham, for labor, $50\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	88 10
Patrick Bowen, for labor, 34 days, . .	59 50
Lewis Jones, for labor, $46\frac{3}{10}$ days, . .	81 02
Charles H. Cole, for labor, $30\frac{1}{10}$ days, .	52 67
David Lane, for labor, $26\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	46 72
Ansel Mann, for labor, $23\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	41 14
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $13\frac{1}{10}$ days, . .	22 92
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 8 days, . .	16 00
Moses Mann, for labor, 14 days, . .	24 50
Patrick Barry, for labor, $16\frac{3}{10}$ days, . .	28 52

Paid Maurice E. Scanlan, for labor, $13\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	\$23 27
Thomas Johnston, for labor, $15\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	26 77
John B. Thayer, for labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	25 00
Jedediah French, for labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	17 00
Jedediah French, for labor, 7 days, .	12 25
Frederic Winnett, for labor, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	16 62
William Shields, for labor, 6 days, .	10 50
James Donohue, for labor, $8\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	14 52
Christopher Ward, for labor, $11\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	19 77
Forrest Whalin, for labor, 11 days, .	19 25
Lawrence Ormsby, for labor, 6 days, .	10 50
John A. Mann, for labor, 6 days, .	10 50
Ebenezer Holbrook, for labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	11 37
Josiah Clark, for labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	21 88
Sylvanus Thayer, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
Noah Chessman, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $4\frac{8}{10}$ days, .	7 33
Frederic Miller, for labor, $4\frac{2}{10}$ days, .	7 35
Charles Alden, for labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	14 87
Michael Sheridan, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
William White, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
George B. Dench, for labor, $5\frac{8}{10}$ days, .	10 28
Mason Lovering, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
John Gill, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
Patrick Mullins, for labor, 5 days, .	8 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 7 days, .	12 25
Charles Leavitt, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
Alva N. Nightingale, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 4 days, .	7 00
James Slowey, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
James Danahey, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50

Paid Joshua Hunt, for labor,	\$1 88
Timothy Sullivan, for labor, $5\frac{6}{10}$ days,	9 80
William T. Piper, for repairing culvert,	8 00
Daniel Sullivan, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Andrew Tracy, for labor,	2 50
S. B. Corliss, for labor,	1 50
E. A. Perry, for labor,	3 00
Frederic Endicott, for surveying,	6 84
S. B. Corliss, for stone,	17 11
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material,	19 82
Frank H. Langley, for labor and material,	12 29
Daniel R. Porter, for labor on snow plough,	1 50
Martin P. Pike, for carting loam,	3 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber for railing,	43 06
William B. Brown, for labor and material,	2 45
Isaac N. Linfield, for hoe,	60
Amasa Clark, for 67 loads of gravel,	6 70
Joshua Hunt, for 108 loads of gravel,	9 18
James Carroll, for 46 loads of gravel,	4 09
Michael Ford, for 50 loads of gravel,	4 61
Moses C. Beal, estate, for 196 loads of gravel,	19 60
A. S. Niles, for 69 loads of gravel,	5 82
A. Prescott, for 203 loads of gravel,	17 30
Seth Mann, 2d, for 113 loads of gravel,	11 30
Martin L. Eddy, for 152 loads of gravel,	15 20
Sundry persons, for picking stones,	138 60
Total,	<u>\$2,082 75</u>

UNION STREET WIDENING.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for services, $90\frac{1}{20}$ days,	\$180 10
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts,	
$90\frac{1}{20}$ days,	270 15

Paid Josiah Clark, for double team, $12\frac{3}{10}$ days,	\$61 50
Jared Whiting, for double team, 6 days,	30 00
Jackson Belcher, for single team, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	22 50
Thomas Good, for single team, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	12 25
Matthew Graham, for labor, $94\frac{1}{2}$ days,	165 37
Thomas Duff, for labor, $88\frac{9}{20}$ days,	154 78
David Lane, for labor, 40 days,	70 00
Charles H. Cole, for labor, $80\frac{7}{10}$ days,	141 22
Ansel Mann, for labor, $72\frac{1}{10}$ days,	126 17
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $97\frac{3}{20}$ days,	194 30
John Desmond, for labor, $85\frac{1}{20}$ days,	150 38
Lewis Jones, for labor, $82\frac{11}{20}$ days,	144 47
Charles Alden, for labor, $99\frac{1}{20}$ days,	174 39
George F. French, for labor, $25\frac{3}{10}$ days,	44 27
Moses Mann, for labor, $48\frac{2}{10}$ days,	84 34
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $72\frac{1}{20}$ days,	127 12
Jedediah French, for labor, 29 days,	58 00
Owen Sullivan, for labor, $22\frac{7}{10}$ days,	39 72
Patrick Bowen, for labor, $38\frac{1}{20}$ days,	68 34
James Slowey, for labor, $18\frac{3}{10}$ days,	32 02
Patrick Sheridan, for labor, $18\frac{3}{10}$ days,	32 02
David Irving, for labor, $3\frac{5}{20}$ days,	5 38
Michael Sheridan, for labor, 6 days,	10 50
James Lyons, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Charles Jones, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Joseph Graham, for railing street,	11 87
Royal T. Mann, for posts,	9 60
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material,	50 71
Frank H. Langley, for labor and material,	45 45
Jackson Belcher, for lighting street,	5 05
Sidney French, for lighting street,	5 00
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber,	25 90

Paid George H. Sampson, for atlas powder,	\$140 80
Total,	\$2,700 67

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Elbridge Jones and others,	\$14 55
Rufus A. Thayer,	1 25
Martin L. Eddy, and others,	10 25
James Reilly, and others,	27 12
Royal T. Mann, and others,	20 45
Martin P. Pike, and others,	47 89
Thomas Good, and others,	22 90
A. J. Gove,	2 00
Total,	\$146 41

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Auditors for the year ending March 1,	
1883,	\$10 00
Engineers of Fire Department for services	
and extra time to May 1, 1883,	107 50
E. M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1882,	384 74
Winslow Battles, School Committee	
1883-4,	110 00
James Molloy, School Committee	
1883-84,	100 00
Thomas Dolan, School Committee	
1883-4,	100 00
Royal T. Mann, for services as Select-	
man, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor	
and Surveyor of Highways,	400 00
John B. Thayer, for services as Select-	
man, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor	
and Surveyor of Highways,	300 00

Paid Rufus A. Thayer, for services as Select- man, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Surveyor of Highways, . . .	\$300 00
Total,	<u>\$1,812 24</u>

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State),	\$1,537 50
Total,	<u>\$1,537 50</u>

STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), .	\$1,562 72
Total,	<u>\$1,562 72</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for the year 1883, .	\$509 40
Total,	<u>\$509 40</u>

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 75 funerals,	\$225 00
Total,	<u>\$225 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (see for items, engineer's report),	\$1,811 86
Total,	<u>\$1,811 86</u>

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By cash received from Braintree and Hol- brook,	104 59
Net cost,	<u>\$1,707 27</u>

RESERVOIR SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Paid Corliss and Woodman, contractors,	
balance of contract,	\$250 00
Total,	<u>\$250 00</u>

REPAIRS OF STETSON HALL.

Paid Henry H. Francis, for labor and material,	\$583 63
A. R. Prescott, for labor and material, .	44 16
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material, .	11 50
N. H. Tirrell, for painting,	8 25
Total,	<u>\$647 54</u>

JAMES D. LEE CASE.

Paid John L. Eldridge, amount of verdict, .	\$100 00
John L. Eldridge, costs two trials, . . .	137 35
Colby and Wales, for professional services,	
two trials,	300 00
Sundry persons, for witness fees (1882), .	209 29
Sundry persons, for witness fees and costs	
(1883),	228 09
Total costs for two trials,	<u>\$974 73</u>

GUIDE BOARDS.

Paid Nathaniel H. Tirrell, for painting, . .	\$12 75
T. Fardy & Son, for bolts and spikes, .	1 25
Edwin M. Mann, for posts and labor, .	3 00
William B. Brown, for labor and material,	11 75
Total,	<u>\$28 75</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town reports,	\$249 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing poll lists, warrants, notices, &c.,	115 00
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	252 63
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	79 00
Constables, for services July 3 and 4,	45 00
William B. Hathaway, entertaining town officers,	65 50
Grand Army, Post 110, as per vote,	100 00
Dennis Fox, for damages,	15 00
Thomas Farrell, for services as constable	15 00
William F. Rooney, witness fees,	20 00
John T. Flood, expenses on (1883) report and copying,	40 00
Colin Boyd, care of selectmen's rooms,	25 00
Colin Boyd, care of hall, town meetings,	5 00
Henry H. Francis, for services as constable,	27 50
John T. Flood, adm'r land damages, Silver street,	10 00
Charles K. Darling, for stationery,	6 60
F. Porter, for stationery,	2 11
Thomas Groom & Co., for tax book,	1 75
Colin Boyd, for labor and merchandise,	24 85
John B. Thayer, for labor on lock-up,	5 75
Charles E. Higgins, for painting lock-up,	9 00
Doane & Greenough, for stationery,	11 25
Ward & Gay, for draft books,	14 00
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	16 50
Jedediah French, for labor,	2 50

Paid Nathaniel H. Tirrell, for painting, . . .	\$9 67
Sundry persons, for cleaning wells, . . .	11 90
H. B. Libby, for repairing engine house No. 2,	55 00
Wales Bros., repairing pumps,	9 00
Constables, for special services,	150 00
Peter Sheridan, for labor on well, and grad- ing,	12 00
Estate of Moses C. Beal, for posts and rails (1882),	3 18
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	12 97
Hiram C. Alden, for copying valuation book,	20 00
William B. Brown, for labor and material,	2 20
John H. Field, for postage and box,	6 18
Isaac N. Linfield, for town directories,	1 20
T. T. Cushman, for services for board of health,	1 00
M. M. Alden, for labor and material,	2 75
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse.,	10 61
A. J. Gove, for expressing,	10 60
A. J. Gove, for carriage hire,	13 75
Martin P. Pike, for distributing town re- ports,	5 00
Messrs. Mann, Thayer and Thayer, expenses to Boston, Brockton, Taunton, Dedham and other towns,	62 25
Total,	<u>\$1,557 20</u>

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The past year, as is very generally known, has been one of unusual depression with all business interests, and to this cause is due, in a great measure, the many and persistent calls for help made on the Overseers of the Poor. The distribution of the appropriation for the relief of the outdoor poor requires much labor, which is continually increasing, as new applications for aid are constantly being made. It has been our desire to keep within the appropriation, and we have been able to do so, and to make a small saving. The almshouse, under the care of the superintendent, Martin P. Pike, and wife, has been kept during the past year in the same neat and orderly manner as formerly, and we are satisfied that the inmates have been properly cared for. Mr. Pike has earned with the town teams and paid into the treasury the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars and thirty-six cents; also seventy-one dollars and seventy-seven cents for produce and stock sold.

The whole number supported at the almshouse during the year was twenty-three. Average number sixteen and one-quarter.

Names of persons supported in the almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1884: —

Francis McMath,	Lewis Linfield,
Elias Cole,†	Ellen Buckley,
Maggie Morrissey,	Angeline Buckley,
William Morrissey, Jr.,	David McKay,

† Deceased.

James Connoly,§*	Maggie Quinlan,
Catharine Heney,	Margaret Hollis,†
William Doyle,	Barrelle Stetson,†*
Michael Clark,*	Annie P. Linfield,†
Teresa Long,	Mary E. Buckley,
John B. Sylvester,*	James E. Upham,
Margaret Purcell†	Katie Quinlan,*
William Shea.§	

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year,	\$600 00
Charles Prescott, for supplies, . . .	410 19
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal, .	296 65
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	166 90
Josiah Clark, for meat, . . .	159 16
Frank H. Langley, for labor and material,	57 66
H. H. Guinan, for clothing, . . .	50 60
Sidney French, for boots and shoes, .	44 40
N. Rosenfeld, for mdse., . . .	42 06
Silas Pierce, for mdse., . . .	40 66
A. F. Wentworth, for cow, . . .	40 00
William S. Hills, for flour, . . .	38 75
David Lane, for labor, . . .	76 30
A. H. Thayer, for two pigs, . . .	22 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, &c.,	
for Margaret Hollis, . . .	15 00
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, &c.,	
for Elias Cole, . . .	14 00

* Discharged.

† Deceased.

‡ Refunded.

§ Refunded in part.

Paid Charles E. Higgins, for painting, . . .	\$27 07
H. B. Libby, for labor, . . .	20 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	18 69
John B. Thayer, for labor, mdse., . . .	12 50
Presser Lloyd, for mowing salt grass, . . .	18 00
A. J. Gove, for expressage and hay, . . .	17 86
Heirs of William Cole, for pasturage, . . .	16 00
Royal T. Mann, for carting salt hay, . . .	6 00
A. & O. W. Mead & Co., for mdse., . . .	11 00
Parker & Gannett, for mdse., . . .	5 00
Walter Cartwright, for repairs, . . .	4 15
I. D. Page, for supplies, . . .	7 50
C. F. Hovey, for mdse., . . .	4 75
F. Porter, for medicine, . . .	4 80
A. B. Gilman, for labor, . . .	15 70
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material, . . .	9 35
Royal T. Mann, for bedding hay, . . .	5 17
C. A. Wales, for labor and material, . . .	4 70
Mrs. C. Holbrook, for nursing, . . .	3 00
Mrs. Hurley, for nursing, . . .	1 00
Mrs. McGrane, for nursing, . . .	1 00
Mary Thayer, for nursing, . . .	6 00
Albert F. Wentworth, for supplies, . . .	3 63
A. J. Towns, for ice, . . .	9 00
John F. Carey, for fish, . . .	12 25
Ellen Barry, for nursing, . . .	6 12
James E. Upham, for labor, . . .	8 25
Albert M. Taber, for supplies, . . .	5 30
James Riley, for dressing hogs, . . .	4 50
Charles F. Roberts, for fowl, . . .	5 00
Charles E. Lyons, for meat, . . .	2 73
Wales Brothers, for repairing pump, . . .	2 00

Paid A. L. Chase, for medical attendance,	\$ 89
Hardy Dyer & Co., for mdse.,	1 90
O. C. Railroad Company, for freight,	1 03
William B. Brown, for labor,	50
Sundry bills,	46 13
Total,	<u>\$2,402 80</u>

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By cash paid treasurer for labor by Martin P. Pike and town teams	\$750 36	
cash paid treasurer for labor by David Lane,	116 72	
cash paid treasurer for milk, pro- duce, &c., sold,	71 77	
cash paid treasurer for board, amount included in bill paid by the town of Holbrook,	363 44	
cash paid treasurer, amount re- funded,	28 30	
amount due for board,	104 00	
bills due for labor, &c.,	16 92	
	<u>1,451 51</u>	
Net cost,		\$951 29

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$182 47
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	183 01
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	99 98

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$188 83
for Leonard A. Jones, at State Lunatic Hospital,	107 74
for John C. Kelliher and family,	277 75
for Edwin and Mary Chessman,	276 25
for Isaac Holbrook and family,	246 35
for Mrs. George F. Eddy and family,	198 07
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family,	125 60
for Mrs. Edward Brackin and family,	190 92
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family,	162 65
for Mrs. William Grady and family,	159 00
for Mrs. Philip Kenney,	52 00
for Mrs. Thomas Donohue and family,	32 35
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family,	132 25
for Mrs. John Lynch and family,	73 50
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family,	72 75
for Mrs. Hiram Wilson,	101 51
for Mrs. Francis Myers,	60 00
for Mrs. Francis Smith,	33 36
for Mrs. James Butler,	45 00
for Mrs. Annie R. Brunberry and family, at Lowell,	34 75
for Ann F. Thayer,	100 00
for William S. Allen and family,	69 52
for Loring Jones,	96 00
for Noah Holbrook and wife,	111 93
for Paul T. Clark,	47 01
for Luther F. Thayer,	82 50
for Michael Lynch, at Palmer,	19 02
for George Clark,	24 72
for Francis Myers,	8 45

Paid for Louisa Thayer (1882),	\$31 57
for George C. Currie,	31 23
for Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr.),	49 00
for Mrs. John Fencer, at Brockton,	20 37
for Charles A. Weeks,	5 00
for Asa Morton,	18 00
for George Raymond,	63 75
for Peter Brophy,	80 68
for Mrs. Thomas Addison, at Boston,	5 00
for John W. Sylvester,	3 00
for Alexander Holbrook and wife,	90 75
for Thomas English,	4 25
for Luke O'Riley and family,	88 67
for William Thayer,	37 25
for Mrs. Bradford Sylvester, at Stoughton,	5 00
for Michael O'Keefe,	4 00
for Hiram Holbrook and family,	48 00
for Lysander P. Holbrook,	4 50
for sundry bills for aid,	64 15
for sundry bills for aid refunded,	16 00
Total,	<hr/> \$4,265 41

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK THROUGH MILITARY SERVICES.*

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$188 88
for James O'Brien, at State Reform School,	50 28
for John O'Brien, at State Reform School,	46 71
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	220 19
for Mrs. Thomas F. Hand and family,	115 46

Paid for Christiana Sloan and family,	\$173 97
for Morton Holbrook and family,	106 72
for John Crosby and family,	74 51
for Albert Howard and family,	73 50
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	87 50
for Lawrence F. Leavitt and family,	47 52
for George W. Cook and family,	37 13
for John E. Mann and family, at Hubbardston,	49 03
for Charles H. Eddy and family,	72 75
for James M. Holbrook and family, at Holbrook,	24 00
for George E. Mann and family, at Hubbardston,	14 52
for Mary Mullins and family, at Boston	48 00
for Sarah A. (Morse) Bond and family, at Brockton,	108 50
for Mrs. Henry M. Thayer, at Holbrook,	4 50
for Lorenzo D. Eddy,	17 75
for William Shea,	14 00
for Mrs. C. V. Sloan, at Brockton,	12 50
for Henry I. Sloan, at Brockton,	13 75
Total,	<u>\$1,601 67</u>

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton,	\$238 00
for Mrs. Wilfred N. Pendergrass, Holbrook,	130 00
for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook,	120 30
for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington,	125 25
for Benjamin F. Carey, Lawrence,	82 78

*One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in almshouse paid by Holbrook.

Paid for Stephen Farnham, Methuen, . . .	\$86 25
for Mrs. Thomas H. Saunderson, Braintree, . . .	67 01
for Mrs. Bridget Hoye, Taunton, . . .	53 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury, . . .	40 78
for George F. Kehr, Canton, . . .	36 28
for John Lyman Wood, Sharon, . . .	8 25
Total,	<u>\$987 90</u>

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd for lodging 348 tramps in lockup, . . .	\$140 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	13 00
Frank H. Smith, for charcoal, . . .	3 60
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	12 39
C. C. Farnham, for medical aid, . . .	2 25
T. T. Cushman, for medical aid, . . .	2 00
John Holman & Co., for beds, . . .	7 00
Colin Boyd, for repairing, . . .	6 22
Total,	<u>\$186 46</u>
for Annie Lynes	18 00
Total,	<u>\$204 46</u>

Included in the expenses of the poor in the almshouse, poor out of almshouse, poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, poor of other towns and state paupers, are the following sums of money paid to the physicians for medical aid rendered for one year, ending April 7, 1884: —

Dr. Charles C. Farnham,	\$50 00
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman,	50 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	50 00

Dr. Augustus L. Chase,	\$50 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	50 00
Total,	<u>\$250 00</u>

The undersigned, elected at the annual town meeting in April, 1883, as auditors of the accounts of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,

ELISHA MANN, JR.,

C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph.

Randolph, March 15, 1884.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C., MARCH
1, 1884.

2 horses,	\$450 00
2 cows,	100 00
1 road-scraper,	175 00
3 tons of hay, English,	69 00
1½ tons of hay, salt,	18 00
2 horse carts,	150 00
1 carriage,	100 00
1 farm wagon,	60 00
1 mowing-machine,	50 00
1 swing drag,	50 00
1 pair of wheels with pole,	50 00

3 harnesses,	\$50 00
1 double harness,	50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	50 00
1 stump and rock extractor and hook,	30 00
4 draft chains,	10 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
2 ploughs,	15 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
4 shovels, 1 spade,	3 00
1 iron bar and 1 pick,	2 50
3 hoes,	1 00
3 rakes,	75
2 scythes and snaths	2 00
1 saw-horse	75
Grain,	10 00
800 pounds squash,	25 00
8 hens,	6 00
4 pounds oatmeal,	25
10 pounds tobacco,	4 00
1 churn,	4 00
33 bushels of potatoes,	20 00
1 gallon molasses,	50
14 pounds of sugar,	1 20
1 peck of beans,	75
Carpenter tools,	5 00
$\frac{3}{4}$ bbl. flour,	5 50
3 pounds chocolate,	1 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
20 colored blankets,	15 00
14 bedspreads,	8 75

7 comforters,	\$7 00
9 feather-beds,	60 00
18 under-beds,	26 50
35 sheets,	21 00
36 pillow-cases,	12 50
41 feather pillows,	13 50
25 towels,	3 25
2 table-cloths,	1 50
6 wooden trunks	3 00
3 dining-tables,	12 00
5 light-stands,	3 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrels, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00
Cooking-stove and furniture,	55 00
6 flatirons,	2 50
1 hammer,	75
1 pair steelyards,	1 50
1 wood saw,	1 25
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
3 hammers and 33 drills,	45 00
1 fire-extinguisher,	40 00
1 ice-chest,	12 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
2 cords of wood,	8 00
1 clock,	4 00
1 road-scraper,	20 00
1½ tons of coal,	12 00
300 pounds of pork,	45 00
1 washing-machine,	8 00
60 pounds of lard,	9 00

9 lamps,	\$4 00
35 flour barrels,	3 50
125 pounds of ham,	17 50
6 yards of gingham,	60
2 brooms,	50
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	\$2,283 30

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1884.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town : —

For schools (see report of school committee),	
repairs, furniture and incidental expenses	\$8,270 00
general town expenses, items :	
Miscellaneous,	\$1,700 00
Alms-house,	2,500 00
Outside poor,	4,300 00
Military aid,	900 00
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	9,400 00
Highways,	2,200 00
Fire department (see report of engineers),	2,000 00
Town debt,	5,000 00
Union street,	300 00
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	\$27,170 00
Stetson High School (see report of trustees).	1,500 00
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Total,	\$28,670 00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1883-84.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"Wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of the Commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; especially the university at Cambridge, public schools and grammar schools in the towns; to encourage private societies and public institutions, rewards and immunities, for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures, and a natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings; sincerity, good humor and all social affections and generous sentiments among the people." (Con. Mass. Chap. 5, Sect. 2, 1780.)

"Six years after the settlement of Boston, the general court voted the sum of £400 towards the erection of a public school or college" — the germ of the present university at Cambridge.

"Before the close of the season, the budding seminary received its first and most munificent bequest, the legacy of John Harvard, a clergyman of Charlestown, and a lover of learning. One half his whole property and his entire

library was the amount of this bequest — a sum greater than that apportioned by the court; and though large bequests have since been received, the benefaction was so timely and the sum so generous that the name of the legator was at once conferred upon the college, and it still owns him as its principal and earliest founder.

At the early date of 1642, "a charter for the college had been granted, and a board of overseers established; and the seminary itself was under the charge of President Dunster, a man of eminent talents and singular worth, who, though differing in sentiment from many of his contemporaries, continued at its head for the period of nearly fourteen years, discharging with fidelity the duties of his office. The institution thus started was fostered by all favorable to its interests, and the clergy and laity vied with each other in contributing to its funds."

"The grammar school at Cambridge, established at a very early period, and nearly coeval with the settlement of that town, under the charge of famed 'Master Corlet,' taught the preparatory branches, a certain degree of acquaintance with which was necessary for admission to the college."

"Village schools," says the above writer, "had been established at this period, — 1643, — which varied in efficiency according to the sums appropriated for their support, and the competency of the persons employed as instructors.

"Both in Massachusetts and in the Plymouth Colony, schools were supported *by law*; and great care was taken that the benefit of education should be enjoyed by all. Instances of neglect were exceedingly rare. Poverty prevented many from giving their children the highest advantages; but comparatively few could be found whose instruction had been wholly overlooked.

"The literary attainments of the age, it is true, were not extensive ; yet there was no idle waste of superfluous energy here. A preparation for the duties of practical life was sought by the most ; and there were those who could be satisfied only with copious draughts from an inexhaustible fountain."

We see here that our ancestors knew what agencies were necessary in the founding of states, that they acted well up to their knowledge, though self-denial, privation and hardship had to be endured thereto. With all their concern for and confidence in church and creed, they saw that intelligence, stimulated by education in the masses, must be fundamental in a government by the people ; and schools and colleges came to administer *their* blessings alongside chapels and meeting-houses. What they, in such unerring wisdom, founded, we are to sustain, improve and extend. Are we doing this in the outcome of the public school system to the extent of the increase of means, knowledge and culture two centuries and more have yielded ? In outward appliances, as school architecture, apparatus and illustrative art, great and satisfactory advance has been made ; so, too, in the amount of money expended in support of schools. That an equal advance has been made in culture, in the acquisition of useful knowledge and in the building up of character, all so essential in the line of preparation for citizenship under a republican form of government, is not so readily affirmed.

The school statistics of the state for the year 1881-82 reveal a percentage of non-attendance by those who should attend which is not pleasing to the patriot or philanthropist or others who would guard against illiteracy in the rising generation. Supported at public expense, and, in theory at least, cherished as the corner-stone of our frame of govern-

ment, the public schools should reach all the youth of the state in their ministrations of good. Their excellence and beneficent results though enjoyed by the many, but show more hideous the darkness that clouds the minds of those who have missed their privileges.

Our schools contribute their full quota to this bad showing in the state.

By the enumeration of May 1, 1883, there were in the town at that time six hundred and sixty-seven children between the ages of five and fifteen years. All of these should have been at school by the requirements of the law at least twenty weeks in the year. Of this number the registers show that thirty-four have not been at school at all, and that there has been an average absence among those registered of one hundred and forty-one, equal to twenty-one per cent and over, more than one in every five absent continually. There has been no more than the ordinary amount of sickness to interfere with school attendance. True, in one section of the town, near the end of the spring and summer term, scarlet fever manifested itself to an extent to demand the attention of the committee, and, after conference with a portion of the medical fraternity of the town, the committee ordered the four schools comprising the North Grammar and primaries to be closed, to check, if possible, the further spread of the dangerous disease. These schools were closed three weeks. Quite a number of cases occurred, but of a mild character mostly. In two instances, however, the committee grieve to record, the disease took on the malignant type, baffling the physician's skill and resulting in the sudden death of Mabel Thayer and Blanche E. Prescott.

The following named are the only ones reported to the

committee who have sustained perfect attendance during the year, not having been absent or tardy :

James B. Clark.	Kate Reilly.	Hannah Pope.
W. Ray Spear.	Lillian J. Sloan.	Eddie Foley.
Blanche L. Smith.	Mary E. Holbrook.	William Hogan.
Ida H. Prescott.	Nellie McMahon.	Lucy Holbrook.
Annie B. Leslie.	Katie Boyle.	Mary Burke.
Patrick F. Clark.	Lizzie Dolan.	Edward Quinn.
	Charles E. Clark.	

Total, 19.

The following named are reported as having sustained perfect attendance during two terms of the three which make up the year :

Fred. W. Spear.	Geo. Fowkes.	Maggie L. Scanlon.
Weston L. Mann.	Lizzie Pope.	Robert W. Lennox.
Lester S. Holbrook.	Sarah Bracken.	D. Hand.
Geo. H. Wood.	Jos. McMahon.	Lizzie Nolan.
Minnie A. McCarthy.	Lizzie Brady.	Chas. W. Walsh.
Maggie A. Reilly.	Bertha Dennehy.	Chas. Boyd.
Arthur L. Mann.	Cecelia Barry.	Mary E. Field.
Jas. F. McMahon.	Nellie Pope.	Josie Martin.
	Michael Leahy.	John Sullivan.

Total, 26.

There are one hundred and thirty who gave perfect attendance during one term of the three, but such attendance as this does not seem to deserve much commendation.

One might naturally conclude that attendance abridged only by sickness was meritorious ; but when reflection and observation disclose the fact that the sickness that interferes most seriously with school attendance is induced by the care-

lessness of the children themselves, or the negligence of parents in guarding against exposures which result in colds and other slight disturbances, the call for correction is still imperative. It would be a matter of deep gratification to the committee, and of congratulations with their fellow citizens, could they record quadruple the number of non-absences in the next coming year. Irregularity of attendance is not a necessary evil in school life. It is only found, to a hurtful extent, in the lower grade schools. It mostly disappears in the high school. In the college and university it is heard of but rarely.

What the matter is, is plain. Children do not go to school as a matter of *business*. Parents do not look upon it as a matter of *business* in which their children are engaged, — this going to school. Hence the mischief. Lack of interest by the parents is sure to be communicated to the children. The notion receives practical exemplification, if not positive verbal expression, that the school work can be subordinated to almost anything else, and that it is a mere *incident* in the child's life, and not his chief vocation for the time being.

Once a year the parents are aroused to anxiety and a display of interest in the progress of their children. Too often is it the case that this interest makes itself known *only* once a year, when their children fail of promotion through imperfect test examinations and a low yearly average of work, — the clear result of frequent absence. Had the interest now displayed been an active principle during the year, showing itself in co-operation with the teachers' efforts, much valuable work in education would have been done by the children, now lost to them; they would have secured the coveted promotion and gratified parental desire. A large percentage of failures in the promotions arises from this one cause, —

absence. Where does the fault lay? The answer is too patent to need statement. It is the fault of the people, not of the state nor of the towns in their corporate capacity, if illiteracy is found among the rising generation.

Morality,—an element of instruction in the schools. Apart from the literary training the schools furnish, much stress has been placed upon the need in them of that culture and discipline that go to the building up of character as fundamental to the highest development in man, and his greatest usefulness. Ignorance is said to be the mother of vice. Experience sometimes contradicts the tritest sayings. And when we aggregate the almost daily reports of cases of embezzlements, defalcations, breaches of trust, and other shortcomings in responsible positions of trust, we are driven to the conclusion that ignorance is not to be pleaded in explanation of these grave offences against the safety of the community. That this class of offences, to use a mild term, has increased beyond the increase in population and business, is undeniable; and, as intimated above, it is not by the ignorant alone or principally that they are committed, but by those styled "the educated," who, in many instances, have drunk at the fountains of the highest institutions of learning. Their intellectual training has not been neglected. The head was equal to the proper discharge of duties required. The heart has been at fault—the moral sentiments at a low ebb—grovelling or inactive. Is it not time, in view of recent developments in *youthful depravity*, and of the lax manner in which moral obligations in public and private life are held, to raise the question of the necessity of more direct, explicit instruction in morality in the common schools, to stimulate the moral sentiments to greater activity and fuller mastery in the affairs of life? Moral instruction,

other and more direct than that which flows imperceptibly from the right-minded and right-acting teacher, should be given in the school-room. Considerations of conduct are among the hourly duties of the teacher; and the way the teacher deals with questions of conduct is deeply impressed upon the minds of the pupils, imparting an influence that is abiding in the character of the future man or woman.

How important, then, during this adolescent period, when the intellectual development is being secured with no more than commendable pains, that *moral* growth should be sought and fostered with a care second to none other.

Let it be plainly taught and shown that there is a standard of positive right in conduct, and that all are called to come up to it, in the school-room, as in the family and society; that the morality of acts depends not upon the chances of exposure or the present success they seem to warrant in possessions or position. All the influences of the school-room should go to induce in the child's character, whose web is being woven now, that fine moral sense which makes the higher grades of humanity, what they are.

The primary and grammar schools, with which this report deals, have been kept thirty-eight weeks, making this school year, and have been under the instruction of the same teachers they were the last year, and at salaries as shown in financial statement herewith of cost of the school department. The reduction in number of teachers made last year has been maintained without injury to the efficiency of the service.

These schools are well organized, and as nicely adjusted in classification as the nature of accommodations at hand will warrant. Every year more pupils demand, through solicitation of anxious parents, admission to the masters' classe

than are qualified — than there are sittings to accommodate, notably so, in this last respect, in regard to the Prescott. At the North grammar, the room occupied by the master is larger than the one at the Prescott, and when the sittings there are filled, — and they are nearly so all the time, — the combined classes call for more work than one teacher can well perform. These circumstances have been, and are, embarrassing to the committee, and their action under them, though determined by their best powers of deliberation, has led to censure and misconstruction on the part of others. The committee have labored to bring the children along through the lower grades, so that but one year's work in Mr. West's division would be necessary to secure a standing equal to that now attained for admission to the High School, or full graduation from the Grammar School. It will take time to accomplish this, and necessitate, to some at least, the need of one year more in the lower grades.

During the year, the Prescott school-house has been painted, outside and inside, at a cost of \$362; the yard graded at a cost of \$162.62, and the chimney tops taken down and laid up at a cost of \$8.27.

The well at the North Street School, No. 5, was cleaned out during the drought of last autumn, and a "Wales pump" put in at a cost of \$40, Mr. Willard, of the neighborhood, paying one half that cost for the privilege of using the same.

The blackboards in all the school have been suitably repaired and renovated at a cost of \$150.

The outhouse for the boys at the North Grammar, not affording suitable accommodations, has been superseded by a larger and better arranged one over a properly made vault. This cost \$190.10, and was not provided for by the appro-

priations of last spring. In addition to the above, repairs have been made at this school to the cost of \$20.05.

These are all permanent repairs and will not need renewal for several years.

As a matter of wise economy the North Grammar building should be painted, and the committee recommend an appropriation therefor to the amount, per estimation, of two hundred dollars.

In the yard at this school, the top of a ledge of rocks protrudes above the ground, presenting a rough, ugly surface that is actually unsafe as a play-ground for the children, while the balance of the yard is in the nature of the sides of a hill, affording short runs for coasting in the snow season, but poorly adapted to the uses of a school-yard or play-ground. It is thought that the best way to treat the matter is to build a bank wall for a portion of the distance along the westerly and southerly sides of the yard, uniting at the southwest corner, where the ledge is, to a height sufficient to cover the ledge, and then fill in to secure the surface needed. This operation would overcome the danger to life and limb that now exists, and the liability to damages the town might be under should an accident occur to any of the children while innocently playing upon the grounds set apart for that express purpose. After consultation with those supposed to be competent to estimate the cost of the job, the committee, in another place, will ask for an appropriation for this purpose.

The present legislature has passed a bill which without doubt will become a law, requiring the towns and cities of the commonwealth to furnish, at public expense, all books and stationery for the use of children at school, to go into effect August 1, 1884. This will cover two thirds of our

school year. The amount paid for books and stationery for the year covered by this report was four hundred and seventy-five dollars, two thirds of which is three hundred and sixteen dollars ; and the committee, in another place, will ask for an extra appropriation to meet this requirement.

The committee respectfully recommend that the town raise and appropriate for the support of public schools the ensuing year the following : —

For teaching,	.	.	.	.		\$6,400 00
fuel,	.	.	.	.	.	379 00
care of rooms,	.	.	.	.	.	425 00
painting North Grammar house,					\$200 00	
grading yard, North Grammar						
house,	.	.	.	.	150 00	350 00
general and incidental expenses,						400 00
books, under new law,	.	.	.	.		316 00
Total,	.	.	.	.		<u>\$8,270 00</u>

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1883-84.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average whole number belonging.	* Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 5 years.	Number not absent during the year.
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	56	52	49	95.0	54	2	0	
	Sarah E. Shankland.	44	40	34	85.0	43	0	0	1
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	48	44	40	93.0	46	2	0	1
	Kate E. Sheridan.	37	33	30	90.0	33	0	0	2
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary A. Molloy.	38	35	33	94.0	24	0	0	4
	Mary E. Wren.	34	30	28	93.0	2	0	0	
	Kittie R. Molloy.	58	54	51	94.0	2	0	4	
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	73	63	60	94.0	59	9	0	7
	Alice A. Smith.	36	36	33	92.0	36	0	0	2
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	44	39	35	90.0	25	0	0	1
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	33	24	20	89.0	0	0	4	1
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	33	26	20	76.0	16	0	0	
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	43	38	32	84.0	22	0	2	
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	38	28	23	82.0	25	0	0	
" 6. "	Emma H. King.	43	33	30	91.0	31	0	2	
		658	575	518	.000	418	13	12	19

*Average attendance computed on average number belonging.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1883-84.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	.	.	..	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher, " "	.	.	.	900 00
Sarah E. Shankland, 38 weeks,	.	.	.	449 92
Isabelle G. Driscoll " "	.	.	.	399 00
Kittie E. Sheridan, " "	.	.	.	369 73
Alice A. Smith, " "	.	.	.	375 06
Ellen P. Henry, " "	.	.	.	362 90
Mary A. Molloy, " "	.	.	.	369 73
Sara C. Belcher, " "	.	.	.	362 90
Emma H. King, " "	.	.	.	342 00
Mary E. Wren, " "	.	.	.	329 00
Kitty R. Molloy, " "	.	.	.	329 00
Emma D. Stetson, " "	.	.	.	329 00
Minnie W. Corliss, " "	.	.	.	304 00
Carrie L. Wilkins, " "	.	.	.	285 00
Total,	.	.	.	<hr/> \$6,507 24

FOR FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	.	.	.	\$321 75
Edwin M. Mann, for wood,	.	.	.	12 50
John Wales, for wood,	.	.	.	17 50
Ephraim Mann, for wood,	.	.	.	3 00
Fred. A. Spear, for shavings,	.	.	.	5 37
Sundry persons for preparing wood,	.	.	.	18 00
Total,	.	.	.	<hr/> \$378 12

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$226 30
Galen Hollis,	77 00
Herbert Wilbur,	35 00
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson,	25 00
Emma King,	24 00
John T. Wales,	20 00
Jane Tracy,	15 00
Mary Feeney,	8 33
Mary Shields,	5 75
Total,	<hr/> \$436 38

Paid N. H. Tirrell, painting Prescott school-house,	\$362 00
for grading Prescott school-yard,	165 62
	<hr/> \$527 62

REPAIRS AT NORTH GRAMMAR.

Paid Morrison M. Alden, for labor and material,	\$137 28
John B. Thayer, " " " "	68 27
Peter Sheridan, for labor,	9 62
Martin Smith, for team,	3 50
Total,	<hr/> \$218 67

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Painting Prescott school-house,	\$362 00
Grading Prescott yard,	165 62
Labor and material at North Grammar,	218 67
Blackboards,	150 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ log pump,	20 00
Total,	<hr/> \$916 29

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Wm. Ware & Co., books,	\$176 50
Knight, Adams & Co., books,	62 57
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., merchandise,	85 42
Harper & Brothers, books,	73 41
Ginn, Heath & Co., books,	7 29
Boston School Supply, books and merchandise,	36 12
Prang Educational Co., merchandise,	12 78
Lee & Shepard, merchandise,	1 17
Claffin & Brown, merchandise,	13 07
Brooks & Co., merchandise,	5 00
Ward & Gay, merchandise,	2 00
Total,	<hr/> \$475 33

• MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid McElwin, blackboards,	\$150 00
Winslow Alden, repairs,	23 89
Wales Bros., $\frac{1}{2}$ log pump,	20 00
Thomas H. West, labor on books,	50 00
A. J. Gove, expressage and teams,	24 65
Charles Wales, labor and material,	39 65
Patrick Feeney, use of well,	10 00
Colin Boyd, care of room,	6 00
Mr. Wentworth, elocutionist,	30 00
Fardy & Son, iron work,	1 75
S. B. Corliss, locks and fastenings,	7 00
Bernard Wren, removing snow,	4 24
Lawrence Hayes, use of well,	3 00
H. Rosenfeld, merchandise,	7 90

Paid G. A. Tolman, merchandise,	\$3 00
John L. Burke, taking census,	20 00
Charles C. Gerry, erasers,	10 50
David Foley, removing snow,	2 00
E. A. Perry, paving stones,	75
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, merchandise,	25
Joseph Breck & Son, chains,	3 30
John Wales, use of well,	3 00
Richard Stevens, team,	1 50
Frank Q. Bodwell, labor,	1 00
D. B. White & Co., merchandise,	20 33
Charles Prescott & Co., merchandise,	2 08
Thomas Farrell, truant officer,	25 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing,	16 00
Morrison M. Alden, use of well,	3 00
Herbert C. Wilbur, merchandise,	38
Total,	<u>\$490 17</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Teaching,	\$6,507 24
Fuel,	378 12
Care of rooms,	436 38
School supplies,	475 33
Painting Prescott school-house,	362 00
Grading Prescott yard,	165 62
Labor and material at North grammar,	218 67
Miscellaneous,	490 17
Total expense of schools,	<u>\$9,033 53</u>

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS, 1883-84.

Appropriation by the town,	\$8,000 00
Amount of state school fund,	216 82

Amount of Coddington fund,	\$100 00
from sale of books,	352 45
stock of books on hand,	97 14
stock of fuel on hand,	100 00
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	\$8,866 41

Expenses of the schools, per previous statement, \$9,033 53
 Over appropriations, 167 12

This is accounted for in the extraordinary repairs made at the North grammar school, as before mentioned, to amount of \$210.15, and uncollected bills for supplies furnished to children in the several schools whose parents neglected to furnish them, to amount of \$95.87.

As experience has shown this last item to be of little value, the committee have not inserted it as an asset, though the funds have suffered to this amount.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WINSLOW BATTLES,
 JAMES MOLLOY,
 THOMAS DOLAN,

School Committee.

Randolph, March 20, 1884.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — The engineers of the fire department of Randolph respectfully submit the following report : —

In making this report, we wish to call the attention of the citizens to the disadvantages we have labored under during the past year, and hope the town will take some action to remedy it at the annual meeting. The time of the firemen having expired on May 1, they were paid off and discharged ; and the members of Hose Company No. 1 notified us that they deemed the compensation as voted by the town inadequate, and that they would not serve as firemen for another year, and for us to fill their places, which we were unable to do, though we had posters printed and distributed through the town, asking for men to come forward and form a hose company ; but none responded, so we contracted with Mr. A. J. Gove to draw the hose carriage to all fires and depend on whatever help citizens would give us ; but we have been very fortunate so far, having had only one fire in the centre of the town.

Mr. Gove's time also expired on May 1, and he gave us notice that he would not draw steamer No. 1 another year unless we paid him the sum of two hundred dollars, and to be paid extra for drawing coal, hose, &c. ; so we consulted the selectmen as to whether it was advisable for the town to purchase a pair of horses and to use them working on the streets, without going too far away from the centre of the town, and to stable them as near as possible to the engine

house and have a man to drive and care for them. We concluded to pay Mr. Gove what he asked this year, and let the town settle the manner of drawing Steamer No. 1 for the ensuing year at the annual meeting in April. Mr. Gove has informed us that he will draw steamer No. 1, coal, hose, &c., next year, for three hundred dollars, and the hose carriage for one hundred dollars, provided it is altered into a horse hose carriage; and Josiah Clark will draw Steamer No. 2 and hose carriage No. 2 for the same sum he is paid this year (\$6 each per trip).

We believe it our duty to inform the citizens of the town as to what it will cost to draw the steamers and hose carriages for the ensuing year, and let them take such action thereon as they deem necessary, though we do not recommend that the town buy a pair of horses, as we think it would cost more money than at present; and for our appropriation this year we ask for the sum of \$1000, *provided* the town votes to pay Mr. Gove the sum asked.

ORGANIZATION.

The department organized May 1, 1883, as follows:—

ENGINEERS.

Charles A. Wales, *Chief*; John B. Wren, *Clerk*; Henry H. Francis, James E. Neary, Myron W. Hollis.

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; James H. Wales, *Engineer*; William B. Brown, *Fireman*.

Steamer No. 2, Charles Allen, *Driver*; E. Lawrence Payne, *Engineer*; George F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Horse Hose No. 2, Cyrus Thayer, *Driver*.

Hose Co. No. 1,

Hose Co. No. 2, 10 men, Geo. W. Shedd, *Foreman*.

Pioneer H. & L. Co. No. 1, 25 men, Samuel A. Foster, "

Extinguisher Co. No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, "

FIRES.

The department has been called to the following fires : —

June 18, 1.20 A.M. Barn belonging to Lawrence Jones on Howard street, consumed with contents, carriage-house and dwelling damaged. Whole department present. Incendiary.

August 25, 2 A.M. House belonging to H. M. White at West Corners. Damaged. Whole department present.

September 14, 11.50 P.M. Barn belonging to Charles H. Cole, Pond Lane. Consumed with contents. Whole department present. Incendiary.

October 22, 12.30 A.M. Piggery belonging to S. Weston Mann, Oak street. Consumed. Department responded. Incendiary.

November 17, 8 P.M. Steamer No. 1 and Hose No. 2 went to South Braintree in response to a call for assistance.

December 20, 9 P.M. Steamer No. 1 went to Holbrook in response to a call for assistance.

February 6, 4.20 A.M. Barn belonging to the heirs of Moses C. Beal, on North street, near Braintree line. Consumed. Incendiary. No alarm given.

February 14, 4 A.M. Barn belonging to Amasa Clark, on North street. Consumed. Same time, tool-house in Catholic cemetery. Both incendiary. Hose Company No. 2 present.

EXPENSES FOR 1883-84.

Whole amount appropriated, divided as follows: —

For pay of men,	\$1,000 00	
general expenses,	850 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,850 00
Paid 70 men, \$12,	\$840 00	
engineers and firemen,	130 00	
general expenses,	737 27	
	<hr/>	1,707 27
Balance less than appropriation,		<hr/> \$142 73

STEAMER NO. 1 AND HOSE CO. NO. 1.

Paid 20 men, services year ending May 1, 1883,	\$240 00
W. P. Alden, services as engineer year ending May 1, 1883,	40 00
John T. Cartwright, services as fireman year ending May 1, 1883,	30 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house,	20 00
Edwin Mann, pine wood,	3 00
C. A. Wales, supplies,	4 40
A J. Gove, drawing steamer, 10 months, to March 1, 1884,	166 67
A. J. Gove, drawing hose carriage, coal, &c. . . .	20 00
James H. Wales, labor on steamer,	6 77
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	5 69
Wm. B. Brown, care of fires, steward's bill, labor on steamer from May 19, 1883, to January 1, 1884,	54 70
Wm. B. Brown, shavings,	40
T. Fardy & Son, bolts for steamer,	40
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Paid $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal used at So. Brain-	.
tree,	\$8 00
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	\$584 03

STEAMER NO. 2 AND HOSE NO. 2.

Paid 10 men, services year ending May 1, 1883,	\$120 00
Benjamin Belcher, services as engineer nine	
months, ending February 1, 1883,	30 00
George F. Howard, services as fireman,	
year ending May 1, 1883,	30 00
William B. Brown, repairing sign,	50
William B. Brown, 1 barrel shavings,	40
H. B. Libby, repairs on house,	1 00
James Riley, rent of land,	15 00
E. Hodge & Co., repairing boiler tubes,	8 30
Edwin Mann, pine wood,	3 00
C. E. Higgins, painting, whitewashing, &c.	11 00
E. L. Payne, labor on steamer,	37 24
E. L. Payne, leather apron for steamer,	2 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house,	20 50
George F. Howard, care of fires, steward's	
bill, &c., from February 25, 1883, to	
February 23, 1884,	58 00
C. A. Wales, supplies,	2 20
Charles Prescott & Co., supplies,	5 49
Josiah Clark, drawing steamer and hose car-	
riage,	98 00
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	\$442 63

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.

Paid 25 men, services year ending May 1, 1883,	\$300 00
N. E. Knight, steward's bill,	11 50
T. Fardy & Son, repairing ladders,	1 00
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	\$312 50

EXTINGUISHER No. 1.

Paid 15 men, services year ending May 1, 1883,	\$180 00
F. E. Stetson, drawing extinguisher,	2 50
William B. Brown, repairing sign,	50
E. & F. King, oil vitriol,	3 12
Mary Sullivan, rent of land,	10 00
C. E. Higgins, shellacing house,	11 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for house,	13 50
C. A. Wales, lanterns,	2 00
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	25
A. J. Gove, drawing extinguisher,	5 00
John B. McGrane, care of fires, steward's bill, &c., from May 7, 1883, to February 18, 1884,	56 50
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	\$284 37

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid W. B. Hathaway, refreshments to firemen, bill 1882,	\$21 25
C. A. Wales, removing snow, and cash paid,	18 70
John B. Wren, removing snow, postage, stationery, &c.,	4 14
American Fire Hose Co., repairing hose,	5 50
Colin Boyd, care of room, engineer's meet- ings,	6 00

Paid Sundry persons, extinguishing fire in woods,	\$8 00
A. J. Gove, expressing, &c.,	6 90
A. J. Gove, teams,	2 00
D. H. Huxford, printing,	4 75
T. Fardy & Son, trap for reservoir,	1 50
C. F. Bean and H. H. Shedd, watchers at Bowker fire,	5 00
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	\$83 74

REFUNDED BY OTHER TOWNS.

Fire at South Braintree November 17, 1883 :

Paid Charles A. Wales, cash paid out,	\$4 09
A. J. Gove, drawing Steamer No. 1, and teams, &c.	28 00
Josiah Clark, drawing hose carriage,	12 00
½ ton coal used,	8 00
cleaning steamer and hose,	7 50
14 men, 5 hours each,	17 50
engineer and fireman, 5 hours each,	2 50
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	\$79 59

Fire at Holbrook December 20, 1883 :

Paid A. J. Gove, drawing steamer, teams, &c.,	25 00
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Total amount refunded,	\$104 59

RECEIPTS.

Paid town treasurer receipts of 1882,	\$4 76
" " rent of engine houses,	25 25
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Total,	\$30 01
Paid steamer and hose Co. No. 1,	\$584 03
" " " " No. 2,	442 63

Paid Pioneer hook and ladder No. 1,	\$312 50
Extinguisher No. 1,	284 37
general expenses,	83 74
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	\$1,707 27

ENGINE HOUSES.

The houses, with the exception of some repairs, are in good condition.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are full and in good order.

We would recommend that the town should build at least one reservoir the present year.

HOSE.

The amount of hose in the department at present is the same as last year, 2800 feet, — 1800 feet in steamer No. 1 house, and 1000 feet on hose carriage No. 2,— all of which is in good condition. There is also 500 feet of leather hose which is no use for steamers. This is all the hose we think necessary for the present year.

PAY OF MEN.

We would recommend that the town pay the firemen \$12 per year and 25 cents per hour for actual service, and that the pay of engineers and firemen of steamers remain as at present, \$40 and \$30, respectively.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We would ask for the following amounts: —

Men	
2 engineers,	\$80 00

2 firemen,	\$60 00
General expenses,	1,000 00

APPARATUS.

We think the steamers, hose carriages, extinguisher and truck are in good order, also the Independence hand engine. We would ask for an appropriation of \$150 to alter hose carriage No. 1 into a horse hose carriage; and we think the trouble in the department was caused partly by one company having a horse to draw their hose carriage. And by reducing the number of men, the sum allowed them by the town would pay most of the expense of running the hose carriage, and give better satisfaction, as the men would go direct to a fire, and not to the engine house as was customary heretofore. In closing, we would thank the drivers, engineers, firemen and each member of the department for their promptness, and all citizens who aided us during the past year.

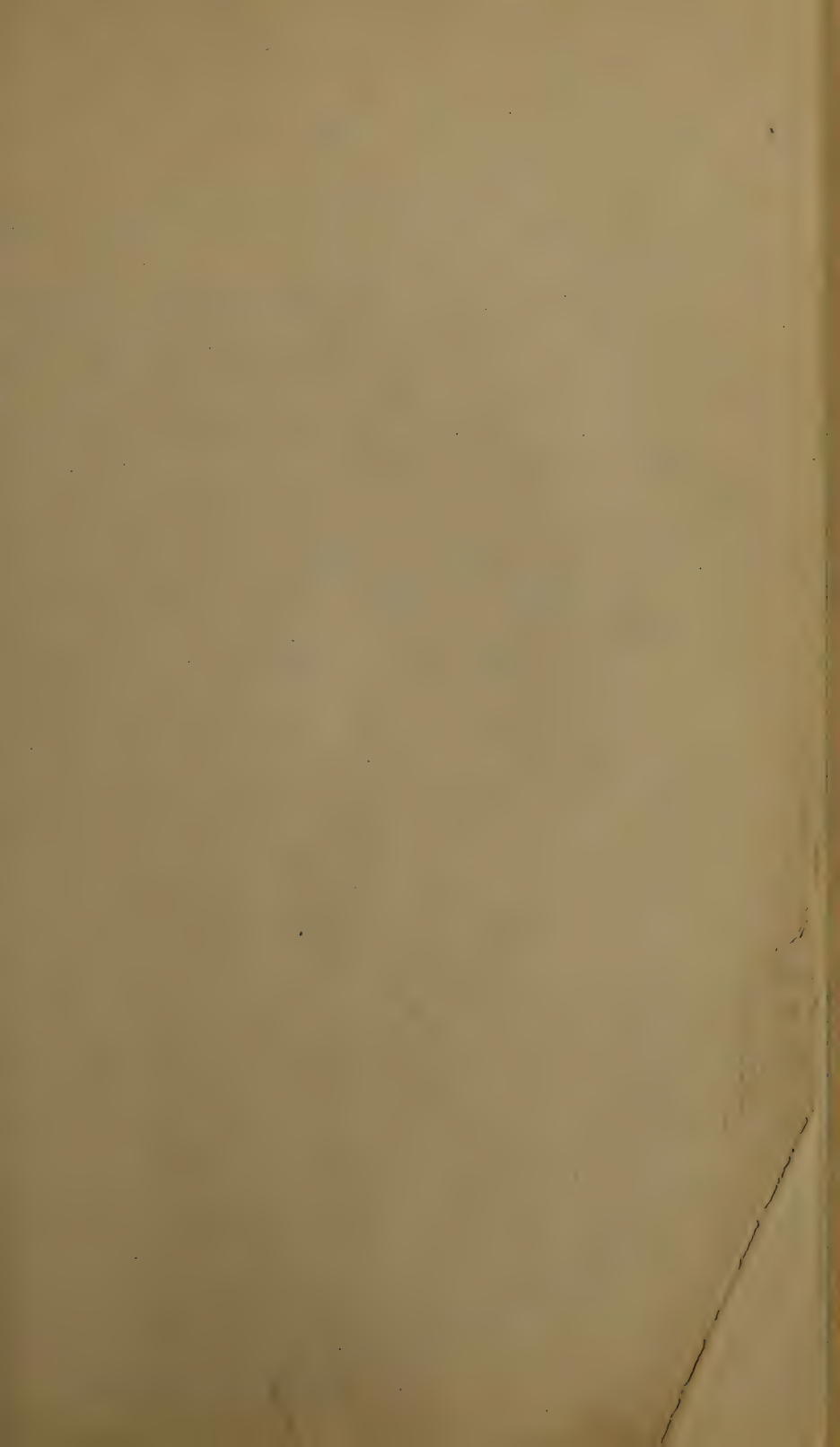
CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief.*

JOHN B. WREN.

HENRY H. FRANCIS.

JAMES E. NEARY.

MYRON W. HOLLIS.



DR.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

1884. March.

Paid 772 Orders drawn by the Selectmen,			\$35,692 53
Treasury Notes,			11,000 00
Interest on Treasury Notes,			1,620 95
Turner Library, Dog Money,			380 97
State Treasurer, State Tax 1883,		\$2,175 00	
	\$2,624 02		
State Treasurer, National Bank			
Tax 1883,	21 14		
		2,645 16	
State Treasurer, Adjustment Cor-			
poration Tax,		4 78	
			4,824 94
Doctors Allen, Babbitt, Chase, Cushman, Farnham and			
Granger, returning births,			23 00
Ralph Houghton, returning deaths,			21 50
Town Clerk, collecting, recording and returning births,			
marriages and deaths,			70 70
Town Clerk, time and expense to Stoughton, election			
returns,			5 00
Treasurer, time and expense to Boston, on Loan,			2 00
Books, Envelopes, Postal Cards, Stamps and Stationery,			17 62
Treasurer,			100 00

Balance,		* 6,489 55
		<u>\$60,248 76</u>

* E. M. Roel, Collector,	\$2,690 29
Treasurer,	<u>3,799 26</u>
	\$6,489 55

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

CR.

1884. March.

Balance from last year,	\$6,930 60	
Received for Treasury Notes, Randolph Savings Bank,	7,000 00	
" Tax Bill, 1883,	31,982 07	
" Dividends Randolph Nat'l Bank, Coddington Fund,	80 00	
" of E. M. Roel, Collector interest on Taxes, 1882,	204 84	
" of C. C. Churchill, County Treasurer, Dog Money,	380 97	
" of F. Porter, F. E. Fay & Co. and E. A. Allen, \$1 each, for Druggist License,	3 00	
" of S. B. Shaw, for Billiard License,	2 00	
" of H. Jacobs, for Pedler License,	10 00	
" of Selectmen, for abatement of nuisance,	8 00	
" of Selectmen, for Salt Grass sold, Coddington Fund,	20 00	
	\$206 02	
" of Supt. School Committee	70 80	
for Books sold,	75 63 —	352 45
" of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, Extra Taxes, 1882,	6 00	
" of H. L. Peirce, for rent of Ponkapog Pond,	10 00	
" of Fire Department, rent of Engine Hall,	\$30 01	
" of Fire Department, Town of Braintree,	79 59	
" of Fire Department, Town of Holbrook,	25 00 —	134 60
" of State Treasurer, Corpor-	\$2,722 06	
ation Tax,	59 28 —	\$2,781 34
" of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	3,837 21	
" of State Treasurer, State Aid,	2,150 00	
" of State Treasurer, Aid to Soldiers and Sailors,	996 03	
" State Treasurer, for State Paupers,	45 00	
" State Treasurer, for State School Fund,	216 82 —	10,026 40
" of City of Taunton, Pauper,	68 00	
" of City of Lawrence, Pauper,	31 43	
" of Town of Methuen, Pauper,	92 64	
" of Town of Abington, Pauper,	136 50	
" of Town of Braintree, Pauper,	15 50	
" of Town of Foxboro', Pauper,	24 80	
" of Town of Duxbury, Pauper,	5 50	
" of Town of Holbrook, Pau-	\$5 00	
per,	1,308 11 —	1,313 11
" of Town of Easton, Pauper,	254 10	
" for Support of Pauper,	\$115 00	
" of Town Farm, labor and produce sold,	938 85 —	1,053 85
" of Insurance Co., for damage to Engine House,	55 00	
" of sundry persons, aid refunded,	47 40	
		<hr/> \$60,248 76

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

1884. — March.

DR.

Notes payable,	\$30,000 00
Interest due,	115 00
Outstanding bills,	100 00
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	\$30,215 00

1884. — March.

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Coddington Fund. — 8 shares Randolph National

Bank Stock,	\$1,600 00
Salt Marsh, Quincy,	500 00
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	\$2,100 00
Due from E. M. Roel, tax collector, taxes 1883,	2,690 29
Due from other towns, pauper accounts,	737 60
Due from State, for State pauper accounts,	18 00
Due from State, for State aid,	1,900 00
Due from State, for aid to soldiers and sailors, Act of 1879,	969 98
Due from R. Adams, mortgage note,	800 00
Due from treasurer, balance in his hands,	3,799 26
Due for board at town farm,	213 00
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	\$13,228 13
Balance, net town debt,	16,986 87
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	\$30,215 00
March 1. Net town debt, 1883,	\$19,761 09
March 1. Net town debt, 1884,	16,986 87
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Debt reduced, 1883,	\$2,774 22

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1884.

The undersigned, auditors of accounts of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town treasurer and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. McMAHON,
Auditors.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

The trustees of the Stetson school fund beg leave to submit their annual report, in the hope of meeting the general approbation as to its tenor and import.

The funds remain, as so often heretofore reported, with the addition of the one thousand dollars recently invested on account of Mr. Turner's donation :

10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par), .	\$1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
20 shares Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300 00
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	\$10,600 00

TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis, Minn., bond,	\$1,000 00
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THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

By the annexed financial exhibit, it will be perceived that the income from the fund, together with the town appropriation, has been hardly sufficient to meet the demands of the school, in consequence of the selectmen's refusal to pay over about the sum of \$150 on account of their not feeling justified in so doing under the vote of the town.

This amount, together with the passage of the dividend by two banks, has made us short \$120; and we have to ask the town to make an appropriation of \$1500 to keep the school in its present very excellent condition, and pay the deficiency.

The high school commenced its annual session on the twenty-fourth of March, under the charge of Mr. E. N. Lovering, assisted by Miss Ada B. Chandler. The advantage of the laboratory to the school has been very great, as the teacher is a person well qualified to use the apparatus and machinery to the best advantage in illustrating his work. The principal we feel happy in having secured, as well as the assistant, who consents to remain with us during the coming year. We feel that we have now at our command the services of well tried and faithful teachers to promote the welfare of the school and insure the degree of success that has attended their efforts this year, which it is quite sure will follow, if no greater come from their works.

The annual public examination occurred on the thirteenth of March in the high school rooms. The graduation, an affair most creditable to all participators, occurred in the Stetson Hall, where diplomas were presented in the presence of the trustees, clergy of the town, selectmen, school committee, and a very large audience of much interested persons.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Joseph Thomas Leahy.

Carrie Spencer Thayer.	Thomas Patrick Molloy.
Clara Augusta Tolman.	Hattie Emma Rowe.
George Edward Wilkins.	Annie Florence Gove.
Carrie Luella Wilbur.	Ruth Baker Conant.
Bridget Agnès Frizzell.	Edward Wales Parker.
John Eugene Clark.	Alice Cecelia McLaughlin.

Near the close of the term, applicants for admission to the school the ensuing year were examined, forty-two, of whom twenty-five girls and seventeen boys, being found to meet the requirements, were given permission to enter the school on its opening.

The school will commence on the 24th of March, at 9 o'clock A.M.

DANIEL HOWARD,

T. T. CUSHMAN,

Trustees Stetson School Fund.

Randolph, March 24, 1884.

DR. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT
1883.

Mar.	To	Balance of old account,		\$3 38
April.		Eliot National Bank, dividend,	\$30 00	
		Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Webster National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Shoe and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Exchange National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
		Boylston National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
		Tremont National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
		Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	39 00	
		Randolph National Bank, dividend,	65 00	
				324 00
Oct.		Eliot National Bank, dividend,	\$30 00	
		Hide and Leather National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Webster National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Exchange National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
		Boylston National Bank, dividend,	25 00	
		Old Boston National Bank, dividend,	30 00	
		Shawmut National Bank, dividend,	39 00	
		Randolph National Bank, dividend,	65 00	
				269 00
May 14.		Town Appropriation (part of),		675 00
Nov. 26.		Town Appropriation (balance of),		675 00
Dec. 18.		Tax refunded by State,		187 73
1884.				
March.		Rent of Hall during year, sundry parties,		217 00

Balance due Trustees,	120 34
	<hr/> \$2,471 45

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1883.			
Mar. 24.	By amount paid Major & Knapp Co., diplomas,	.	\$40 45
Apl. 19.	Winslow Alden, repairs,	.	4 40
30.	Miss Augusta Brooke, use of piano	.	18 40
May. 7.	William B. Brown, repairs,	.	14 00
16.	J. White Belcher, insurance,	.	50 00
16.	Thos. Hall, supplies laboratory,	.	37 69
18.	J. E. Nash, repairs,	.	2 50
28.	Frank Porter, bill,	.	22 86
June 21.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary,	.	171 05
23.	Colin Boyd,	.	25 01
25.	E. N. Lovering, salary to July 1,	.	375 00
Aug. 25.	D. H. Huxford, bill,	.	22 00
Oct. 4.	E. N. Lovering, salary to October 1,	.	375 00
4.	E. N. Lovering, books and sundries,	.	28 75
Oct. 19.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	.	87 00
Nov. 20.	J. White Belcher, insurance	.	1 60
24.	F. F. Smith, charcoal,	.	9 00
24.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary,	.	144 74
26.	Colin Boyd, bill,	.	23 83
Dec. 10.	Edwin M. Mann, wood	.	5 75
31.	F. F. Smith, charcoal	.	1 50
	E. N. Lovering, salary to January 1,	.	375 00
1884.			
Jan. 25.	Frank Porter, bill,	.	16 30
25.	Charles A. Wales, bill,	.	23 95
Mar. 3.	Colin Boyd, bill,	.	20 46
7.	D. H. Huxford, bill,	.	1 00
7.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, balance of salary for year,	.	184 21
	Trustees and Secretary, one year,	.	15 00
17.	E. N. Lovering, balance of salary for year,	.	375 00
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			\$2,471 45

C. G. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary, Charles G. Hathaway. We also find in the hands of the secretary, representing the Turner Fund, a city of Minneapolis, Minn., bond, the par value of which is \$1000.

ROYAL T. MANN,

JOHN B. THAYER,

RUFUS A. THAYER,

Randolph, March 19, 1884.

Selectmen of Randolph.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1883-84.

SETH TURNER, *President*.*

J. WHITE BELCHER, *Vice-President*.

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer*.

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary*.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, REV. JOSEPH C. FOSTER, D.D.,
ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officiis.

BENJAMIN DICKERMAN, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL,
NATHANIEL HOWARD, J. WINSOR PRATT, JOHN B. THAYER,
EDWIN N. LOVERING.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In presenting the eighth annual report of the Turner Free Library, in compliance with articles 3 and 4 of the by-laws, it is with feelings of sadness that I enter upon the discharge of the duties therein required, for I am again reminded of the death of Hon. Seth Turner, the first president of the

*Deceased.

board of trustees, which occurred on the eighth day of April last. His upright character and many virtues, with no deviation from the highest standard of principle and duty, will long be remembered by the people of this town. As one of the founders of the library he always felt a deep interest in its success, and indulged the confident hope that it might be to us, and to those who come after us, for long years to come, a source of inspiration to a purer taste, a higher culture and a nobler life. Although taken away at the meridian of life, he lived to realize to a large degree the hopes expressed in the first communication to the town when he and the members of his father's family made the proposition to erect a library building and establish a public library, and make them a free gift to the town. It stands to-day on the lot of the old family homestead, not only as a monument to his memory, better and nobler than any triumph won in life's labor, but as indicating the material prosperity of a town, and the intellectual progress and culture of its people. His endowment at first, although liberal, yet for the full realization of his hopes he made provision in his will for the payment by his executors at his decease of an additional sum of ten thousand dollars, for the benefit of the library, to be hereafter known as the "Turner Fund," which sum has been paid by said executors to the trustees. A more extended account of the same will be found in the report of the committee on finance, herewith transmitted.

TRUST.

The condition of the trust, which consists of the library building, library, investments and income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year. The committee on finance in their report to the trustees state that the cash fund con-

sists of a note of the town of Randolph for \$5000, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, which is in the hands of the treasurer; also an unexpended balance January 1, 1884 of \$762.79.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, J. White Belcher and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for repairs during the year ending December 31, 1883, has been \$443.25; of this amount, \$430 was for improvement and repairs on the heating apparatus; there was also expended for rubber carpeting, \$54.76; gasoline, \$232.16; fuel, \$178.50; expressing, \$19.89; janitor, \$125; insurance, \$43.75; other sundry supplies, \$17.78. The receipts for rents amount to \$615, which is in full payment to January 1, 1884. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part for the same. The building and contents are in good condition, and the only extra expense for the coming year will be for additional improvements required in heating the building.

FUNDS.

The report of the committee on finance, with the statement of the treasurer hereto annexed, shows the condition of the investments, also a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures, for the year ending December 31, 1883. The income for the current year is estimated as follows:—

From rents,	\$600 00	
Interest on town note,	300 00	
From Turner fund,	200 00	
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Appropriation asked from the town of money received for dog licenses (estimated),	\$250 00
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	\$1,350 00

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, Benjamin Dickerman and Gilbert A. Tolman), and they report that the library is in excellent condition, and its usefulness and popularity constantly increasing. They also speak in words of commendation of the faithful and efficient services of the librarian and his assistant in the discharge of their respective duties.

The report of the librarian to the board of trustees speaks most encouragingly of the success and increasing interest in the library; it states "that it was never in better working condition or more heartily enjoyed by an appreciative public than at present; the circulation of books has been better than the average of former years, and the character of the books read is improving year by year."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the librarian for the year 1883:—

Number of days the library was open to the public,	284
Volumes issued during the year,	21,769
An increase of 422 volumes over the previous year.	
Largest daily issue,	301
Average daily issue,	76
Smallest daily issue,	7

Number of cards issued to January 1, 1884,	2,507
“ of applicants for books over the preceding year,	97
“ of volumes added during the year,	298
“ of volumes in library January 1, 1884,	8,345

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$1,371 59
Received rent from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association,	15 00
Received from town of Randolph (dog tax),	338 43
Received from town, interest on note,	300 00
Received for catalogues sold,	1 20
Received for fines,	19 94
Received from banks for their proportion of heat,	74 38
Received from banks for their proportion of light,	17 88
Received from parish for their proportion of light,	53 57
Received from S. and R. W. Turner for their proportion of light,	107 14
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	\$2,899 13

Jan. 1, 1883.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,	\$483 18
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year,	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline,	232 16
Amount paid for fuel,	178 50
Amount paid for insurance,	43 75
Amount paid for printing and postage,	38 07
Amount paid for expressing,	19 89
Amount paid for sundry repairs,	13 25
Amount paid for sundry supplies,	17 78
Amount paid for heating apparatus (repairs in part),	430 00
Amount paid for rubber carpet,	54 76
Balance on hand,	762 99
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	\$2,899 33

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, John B. Thayer, Nathaniel Howard and Royal T. Mann) report "that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committees of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; also, that the funds of the library, exclusive of the cash balance in the hands of the treasurer, consist of \$5000, invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the further sum of \$10,000, which was bequeathed by the will of the late Hon. Seth Turner, which, by the terms thereof, is to be known as the 'Turner Fund,' and the income thereof to be applied to the general purposes of the library. At the last December meeting of the board of trustees, said legacy was accepted in stock at its current market value, of which the following is a correct statement; namely, —

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Inasmuch as the principal of said stock at its market value on the day of the acceptance thereof amounted to more than the sum of \$10,000, the amount of said legacy, some of the coupons of the bonds comprising said stock were detached in order to make the total value of said stock (including principal and interest due) equivalent to the sum of \$10,000.

For this reason the income of said stock during the years 1884 and 1885 will be less than the regular annual income thereafter."

Said committee recommend that the amount received from dog licenses for the present year be appropriated by the town for the benefit of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

Vice-President of Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 20, 1884.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1888.		
Jan. 3,	Susie Ella Cook Allen, .	George W. and Ella M. (Cook).
16,	Lucius Dwight Granger, .	Frank C. and Alice M. (Butler).
11,	— Crosby, . . .	John and Mary A. (Keliher).
11,	— Doten, . . .	Albert.
Feb. 25,	Hiram Earl Hayden, . .	Henry W. and Ella M. (Howard).
12,	Arthur Pratt Johnson, .	George M. and Hannah C. (Burrell).
28,	Edith Maud Holbrook, .	Enos and Sarah Maria (Burrell).
1,	Lillian McGaughey, . .	David P. and Catherine E. (Powers).
March 16,	Mary Elizabeth Jones, .	Sorino S. and Mary E. (Orcutt).
23,	Arthur F. Capen, . . .	Samuel A. and Jennie F. (Odell).
24,	William Dexter Clark, .	Dexter T. and Charlotte S. (Bean).
8,	Peter Gallagher, . . .	Peter and Katie (Igo).
13,	John Bernard Kelliher, .	Dennis and Katie (McMahon).
28,	Jane Josephine Campagna, .	Eugene and Sarah L. (Hill).
17,	Mary P. Mahoney, . . .	Bartholomew and Mary (Butler).
5,	Michael Joseph Fox, . .	James D. and Ellen (DeNeil).
27,	Antoinette Hove, . . .	James J. and Anna (Kenny).
6,	Alice McGivney, . . .	Thomas and Katie (McKinney).
April 20,	Carrie Maud Wentworth, .	Simeon and Olive E. (Simpson).
4,	Bertha Luella Eddy . . .	Eli and Ella A. (Bridges).
24,	Laura Etta Burrell . . .	Samuel and Emily L. (Eddy).
6,	Jeremiah Linnehan, . .	Nicholas and Mary (Casey).
20,	John Thomas Smith, . .	Martin F. and Mary E. (Callahan).
12,	James Henry Dumphy, . .	John F. and Maggie A. (Powderly).
12,	Elizabeth Lee Burke, . .	John L. and Elizabeth (Meighan).
12,	— Orcutt, . . .	Owen and Mary Louisa (Stickney).
May 27,	Marion Ellen Alden, . .	Charles A. and Emma M. (Alden).
23,	— Alden, . . .	Weston I. and Hannah A. (Lapham).
21,	Julia Ann Ainslee, . . .	William H. and Julia A. (Allen).
26,	Robert Uniac, . . .	Robert and Bridget (Moran).
14,	Herbert Eugene Alden, .	Frederick Henry and Josephine (Gadona).
19,	— Titus, . . .	Eugene and Sarah (Dahl).
June 24,	Alice Louise Taber, . . .	Herbert M. and Hattie E. (Townes).
13,	Frank Nelson French, . .	George M. and Rachel L. (Mann).
17,	Herman Warren French, .	Royal and Jeanette B. (Spear).
20,	Bertha C. Vaughn, . . .	Robert D. and Ellen A. (Kimball).
8,	Nettie DeNeil . . .	Timothy and Mary J. (Heney).
23,	Mary Elizabeth Dee, . .	Thomas and Elizabeth (Simms).
5,	Joseph Edward Beyett, .	Joseph I. and Diantha Jane (Cook).
25,	John Mullarkey, . . .	Thomas and Kate (Callahan).
July 24,	Abby Kelliher, . . .	John and Abby.
24,	Abby Kelliher, . . .	John C. and Catherine (Barrett).
6,	Charles Kelliher, . . .	Dennis and Rose H. (Riley).
26,	Nora Martin, . . .	William H.
20,	Margaret Jane Brady, . .	Thomas and Bessie (McKe zie).
26,	Mina Louisa Wales, . .	Henry James and Alma B. (Corliss).
29,	Eunice Lawrence Belcher, .	Francis A. and Anna E. (White).
8,	— Brady, . . .	Patrick and Mary (Powers).
13,	— Smith, . . .	Thomas J. and Mary A. (Ward).
Aug. 21,	Esther Maria Holbrook, .	Martin G. and Ida M. (Cox).
12,	— Baker, . . .	Minot Wales and Emma A. (Fritts).
11,	Dennis K. Kelliher, . .	John and Mary E. (Kelly).
4,	Elizabeth Sutton, . . .	John H. and Mary E. (McDonald).
10,	Edward Riley, . . .	Luke and Mary E. (Riley).

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Aug. 17,	— Faunce, . . .	Hiram S. and Hannah E. (Clark).
6,	Mary Alice Mullins, . . .	Timothy H. and Catherine T. (Foley).
26,	Benjamin Wales Parker, . . .	Edward K. and Eliza D. (Wales).
19,	Grace Malley, . . .	Crohan and Joanna (Lee).
20,	Patrick Henry McMahon, . . .	William F. and Hannah (Foley).
13,	Frank Law'ce Jones { Twins,	George W. and Olive (Hayden).
13,	Anna Law'ce Jones {	
Sept. 13,	Willie Ashton Pool, . . .	John H. and Sarah A. (Wentworth).
7,	Emma Drake Bowker, . . .	Charles F. and Florence I. (Drake).
10,	Joseph Walter Stacey, . . .	Joseph and Margaret (Wombold).
17,	Robert Herman Willard, . . .	John K. and Grace Flora (Wild).
7,	Charles Arthur Dyer, . . .	Arthur Munroe and Alice Webster (Polley).
30,	Clement Sanderson, . . .	Thomas and Mary (Trainer).
4,	Delida Bacheloup, . . .	Augustus and Jennie (Church).
17,	Katie Elizabeth O'Brien, . . .	William and Joanna (Barry).
25,	Alice Donohue, . . .	Francis J. and Mary E. (Clark).
Oct. 24,	John Kinnier, . . .	Patrick and Joanna C. (Burke).
5,	Fannie Devine, . . .	Thomas and Mary J. (Dore).
12,	Ina Clara Martin, . . .	W. F. and Lydia A. (Partridge).
9,	— Knight, . . .	Edwin F. and Lucinda F. (Wood).
30,	George Weston Munroe, . . .	Frank W. and Lydia J. (Taylor).
26,	— Fowler, . . .	Fred and Lucy A. (Lowell).
5,	Francis Edward Dolan, . . .	Charles S. and Katie B. (Walsh).
28,	— Casey, . . .	Benjamin F. and Nellie (McFadden).
1,	— Thayer, . . .	Gustavus and Mary Ellis (Freeman).
29,	Alice Jane Hill, . . .	Charles D. and Mary E. (Fardy).
Nov. 13,	Mary Elizabeth Davey, . . .	William and Malvina (McAndrew).
12,	Charles Arthur Woods, . . .	George L. and Clara R. (Hunt).
13,	Arthur Dumphy, . . .	Michael P. and Elizabeth A. (Donohue).
10,	Morris Kiley, . . .	Patrick M. and Letitia (Ray).
18,	John Dennehey, . . .	William F. and Elizabeth A. (Kiley).
8,	Maggie Alice Forrest, . . .	Augustus and Maggie (Reynolds).
26,	— McGerrigle, . . .	John F. and Mary E. (Grancy).
15,	William Francis McGaughey, . . .	William F. and Mary E. (Powderly).
17,	Thomas F. Riley, . . .	James T. and Mary (McMahon).
Dec. 20,	Lewis Albert Smith, . . .	Oliver C. M. and Lydia S. (Gilman).
18,	— Walsh, . . .	Wesley W. and Mary J. (Thayer).
9,	Charles F. McCarty, . . .	Jeremiah and Honora (Sweeney).
11,	Elizabeth Gertrude Hayden, . . .	William H. and Elizabeth A. (Drury).
15,	— Foster, . . .	Gustava and Elizabeth (McAndrew).
13,	— Soule, . . .	Cady and Mary J. (Meyers).
6,	Alice Jane Toomey, . . .	Daniel and Mary (Maney).
29,	— Heney, . . .	Charles and Mary (Walsh).
29,	Clara Taber Mann, . . .	Edwin M. and Jennie H. (Taber).
May 31,	Edward H. Nightingale, . . .	Andrew C. and Gustafa Albemia (Petersen),

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1883.			
Jan. 18,	James Phillip Loud,	Holbrook,	24
	Hattie Dean,	"	20
24,	Charles Mersereau,	Canton,	27
	Sarah E. Long,	"	23
Feb. 1,	Fred W. Bump,	Fall River,	20
	Jennie F. Shedd,	Randolph,	19
3,	Charles Henry Woods,	Randolph,	22
	Anna A. Alden,	"	20
4,	John L. Burke,	Randolph,	37
	Elizabeth J. Meighan,	"	23
4,	George P. Burrell,	Randolph,	21
	Susan E. Jones,	"	16
March 7,	Frank W. Munroe,	Randolph,	26
	Lydia J. Taylor,	"	18
28,	Thomas P. Toomey,	Stoughton,	31
	Mary A. Barrett,	Randolph,	27
April 5,	William Davey,	Randolph,	23
	Malvina McAndrew,	Boston,	18
5,	James Wood,	Randolph,	56
	Amanda Lowell (Reed),	"	52
21,	Timothy P. Curran,	Randolph,	30
	Joanna Sullivan,	Worcester,	28
25,	Joseph Graham,	Randolph,	52
	Mary Jane Rikeman (Wright), .	Reading,	34
30,	James W. Farrell,	Randolph,	32
	Margaret E. McGuckin,	"	28
May 17,	Charles F. Bryant,	Randolph,	23
	Anna B. Bullock,	"	24
24,	Timothy Thaxter Maloney, . . .	Randolph,	24
	Annie Ford,	Needham,	24
June 5,	William Henry Farnsworth, . . .	Randolph,	28
	Abbie Woodman Porter,	"	19
16,	William S. Horton,	Canton,	25
	Florence J. Reynolds,	Randolph,	21
25,	Edwin C. Litchfield,	Randolph,	23
	Josephine Hayden,	"	18
July 1,	G. Herbert Hollis,	Randolph,	19
	Emma Estabrooks,	Newton,	22

DATE.		NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
July	15,	William Henry Meserve, . . .	Bridgewater,	26
		Mary Elizabeth Abbott, . . .	Randolph,	19
Aug.	19,	Warner A. Bullock,	Brockton,	37
		Clara A. Tripp,	"	30
	20,	Godfrey Knight,	Randolph,	19
		Winnie F. Beal,	Stoughton,	20
Sept.	1,	Leonard A. Faunce,	Randolph,	42
		Nellie M. Hayden (Thayer), . .	"	28
	20,	Lysander T. Holbrook,	Quincy,	61
		Annie L. Lambert (1) (Dicker- man) (2) (Smith) (3),	"	61
	27,	James Foley,	Randolph,	27
		Mary Ann O'Brien,	"	23
	30,	James H. O'Brien,	Randolph,	23
		Mary Jane Dooley,	"	22
	30,	Michael Francis Gately,	Holbrook,	26
		Mary Ann Lee,	Randolph,	19
Oct.	3,	Winslow Alden,	Randolph,	71
		Mary E. Ayres (Libby),	"	36
	7,	Francis Riley,	Randolph,	30
		Mary Purcell,	"	30
	26,	Stephen R. Rice,	Brookline,	23
		Nellie F. Kiley,	Randolph,	24
	27,	Charles R. Curtis,	Scituate,	23
		Emma L. Simmons,	"	26
Nov.	25,	Frank Everett Wild,	Holbrook,	24
		Carrie Lydia Woodman,	Randolph,	21
	29,	Peter H. Smith,	Brockton,	24
		Rosa A. Reilly,	Randolph,	23
Dec.	25,	Joseph Warren Dyer,	Canton,	36
		Catherine L. McCarthy,	Randolph,	33
	25,	Herbert Franklin Reynolds, . .	Randolph,	21
		Alice Francis Buck,	"	17

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1883.					
Jan. 8,	Ella M. Cook,	30	1	19	Puerperal Fever.
11,	Michael J. Barry,	27	2	28	Laryngeal Phthisis.
16,	Adeline C. Holbrook (Lincoln),	72	-	19	Consumption.
26,	Delason D. Mann,	66	7	28	Pneumonia.
26,	Maria A. Hayden (Jones),	39	4	6	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
27,	Mary E. Toomey,	2	2	15	Whooping Cough, Convulsions.
30,	Benjamin Belcher,	34	8	-	Wound of Knee, Exhaustion, Gastritis.
Feb. 3,	George Henry Thayer,	58	4	14	Apoplexy.
7,	Peter J. Kelliher,	18	5	9	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
9,	Warren Mann,	77	1	3	Cystitis.
10,	Richard Wilkinson,	77	-	-	Old Age, Pneumonia.
25,	Joseph Lee,	62	-	-	General Debility.
March 2,	Polly Farnum (Stetson),	61	-	27	Cancer.
11,	Hannah Fuller Alden (Fuller),	75	6	6	Dropsy, Heart Disease.
11,	Michael J. Fox,	-	-	6	Convulsions.
14,	Margaret Hollis (Bailey),	81	6	7	Old Age, Apoplexy.
21,	Timothy DeNeil,	56	11	25	Pneumonia.
25,	Lydia H. Belcher (Bacon),	77	7	24	Old Age.
29,	Jennie F. Capen (Odell),	43	5	26	Pneumonia.
April 8,	Seth Turner,	61	8	10	Apoplexy.
26,	Minot Hollis,	77	2	4	Phlegmonous Erysipelas.
May 2,	Jennie E. Eddy,	2	9	20	Pneumonia.
11,	Abiel Howard,	84	10	6	Fever.
11,	Elizabeth Sheridan,	1	11	18	Scarlatina.
14,	Cynthia Whiting,	56	1	14	Consumption.
16,	Mary Linfield (Dunbar),	73	9	16	Edema of Lungs.
16,	Eliza French (French),	74	5	4	Phthisis. Pulmonalis.
17,	Elizabeth McManus,	24	8	11	Pneumonia.
20,	James Mahoney,	12	9	8	Pneumonia.
21,	Mary Wales (Alden),	91	3	-	Old Age.
23,	— Alden,	-	-	-	Stillborn.
25,	Margaret Purcell (Keily),	75	-	-	Acute Ascites.
June 4,	Aaron Mann,	76	2	27	Suicide, Drowning.
4,	Blanche E. Prescott,	7	1	28	Scarlet Fever.
8,	Frank Currier,	45	2	-	Railroad Accident.
9,	Augustus W. Williams,	66	3	17	Accidental run over.
12,	Elizabeth Sullivan (Hill),	57	1	17	Tumor.
21,	William S. Allen,	55	2	12	Phthisis.
23,	Catharine Shields,	21	1	15	Peritonitis.
July 3,	Robert H. Piper,	57	5	28	Heart Complaint.
4,	John Gill,	64	1	-	Heart Disease.
4,	Margaret A. Dumphy (Powderly),	28	5	4	Erysipelas.
13,	John Brady,	-	-	6	Infantile.
15,	Frank Dundero,	1	-	8	Convulsions.
25,	Nora Thayer (Jones),	61	10	20	Nurathema.
30,	John McGivney,	70	-	-	Consumption.
Aug. 4,	Ellen T. F. Barry (Sullivan),	27	2	2	Consumption.
9,	Willie J. Howard,	3	6	21	Tubercula Meningitis.
10,	Susan Fritz, 1, Alden, 2, Wales, 3,	69	10	5	Heart Disease.
15,	John B. Kelliher,	-	5	2	Summer Complaint.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Aug. 15,	— Baker,	-	-	4	Congenital Malformation.
17,	Edward H. Nightingale,	-	4	18	Dentition
18,	Ellen Flood (Duffie),	64	2	27	General Debility.
23,	George Clark,	66	5	2	Consumption.
24,	Mary A. Foley,	-	10	16	Diarrhoea.
26,	Ann Eliza Bryant French,	66	10	12	Interstitial Hepatitis.
28,	Joanna Malley (Lee),	31	11	-	Puerperal Septicemia.
29,	Katie McGivney (McKinny),	26	6	-	Phthisis, Laryngia.
Sept. 17,	Mary E. Foley,	1	9	12	Cholera Infantum.
18,	Abbie Kelliher,	-	1	25	Cholera Infantum.
25,	Lucius G. Holbrook,	-	9	-	Teething, Convulsions.
Oct. 1,	Albert J. Powderly,	1	11	14	Marasmus.
23,	Thomas Hand,	72	10	2	Old Age.
23,	Ira Porter,	80	6	19	Asthenia.
28,	William Cole,	62	2	25	Heart Disease.
Nov. 5,	Eugene McSweeney,	42	-	-	Phthisis, Pulmonalis.
9,	Robert C. Barry,	51	-	-	Heart Disease.
27,	— McGerrigle,	-	-	-	Stillborn.
Dec. 2,	Elias Cole,	81	6	25	Old Age.
6,	Joshua Hunt,	75	9	28	Old Age.
9,	Thomas Stanton,	61	6	-	Perinephritic Abscess.
17,	Solomon T. Danforth,	50	2	23	Consumption.
21,	William Lyons,	79	3	26	Old Age.
27,	Annie P. Linfield (Parker),	69	1	14	Renal Disease.

Any person perceiving any error in the returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths is requested to report the same to the Town Clerk, that it may be corrected.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Acute ascites ; asthenia ; accidental ; cystitis ; cancer ; congenital malformation ; dropsy and heart disease ; dentition ; diarrhœa ; erysipelas ; fever ; infantile ; interstitial hepatitis ; laryngial phthisis ; marasmus ; meningitis ; nurathema ; puerperal fever ; phlegmonous erysipelas ; phthisis ; peritonitis ; puerperal septicemia ; phthisis laryngia ; perinephritic abscess ; œdema of lungs ; railroad accident ; renal disease ; scarlatina ; suicide ; summer complaint ; whooping cough ; wound in knee ; tumor ; teething, — one each. Apoplexy ; general debility ; convulsions ; scarlet fever ; stillborn ; cholera infantum, — two each. Phthisis, pulmonalis, — four. Heart complaint, — five. Consumption ; pneumonia, — six each. Old age, — eight. Total, 75.

Under 5 years of age,	17
Between 5 and 10 years of age,	2
“ 10 “ 20 “	2
“ 20 “ 30 “	6
“ 30 “ 40 “	4
“ 40 “ 50 “	3
“ 50 “ 60 “	8
“ 60 “ 70 “	14
“ 70 “ 80 “	14
“ 80 “ 90 “	4
“ 90 “ 100 “	1
Total,	<hr/> 75

I hereby certify that the preceding returns of births, marriages and deaths is true according to my best knowledge and belief.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK SS. }

To HENRY H. FRANCIS, or *either of the Constables of the
Town of Randolph in said County,* GREETING :

You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting; also two trustees for Stetson School Fund, one for three, and one for two, years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, " Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to the completion of Union street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To decide upon the amount of money required to defray the general town expenses, viz., miscellaneous, almshouse, support of poor, and military aid expenses, for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 10. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to building sidewalks on Ward street, as petitioned for by Michael Sheridan and eleven others, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a sidewalk on South Main street, from number one school-house to Stoughton line, as petitioned for by Hiram Snow and twenty-four others.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to supplying itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for domestic and other purposes.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of engine men, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to the construction of reservoirs, as recommended by the engineers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to placing lightning rods on school buildings, as recom-

mended by the school committee, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 18. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 19. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post 110.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 21. To see what action, if any, the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 22. To see if the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses the ensuing year to the use of the Turner Free Library.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 25. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1884.

ART. 26. To see if the town will appoint a committee, and authorize it, in connection with the committees appointed by the other towns constituting the original town of Braintree, to have the records of Braintree from 1640 to 1793 printed and indexed, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to close its fiscal year December thirty-first.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to change the time of holding its annual meeting.

ART. 29. To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the "Norfolk County Register and Holbrook News," a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-fourth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: HENRY H. FRANCIS,
Constable of Randolph.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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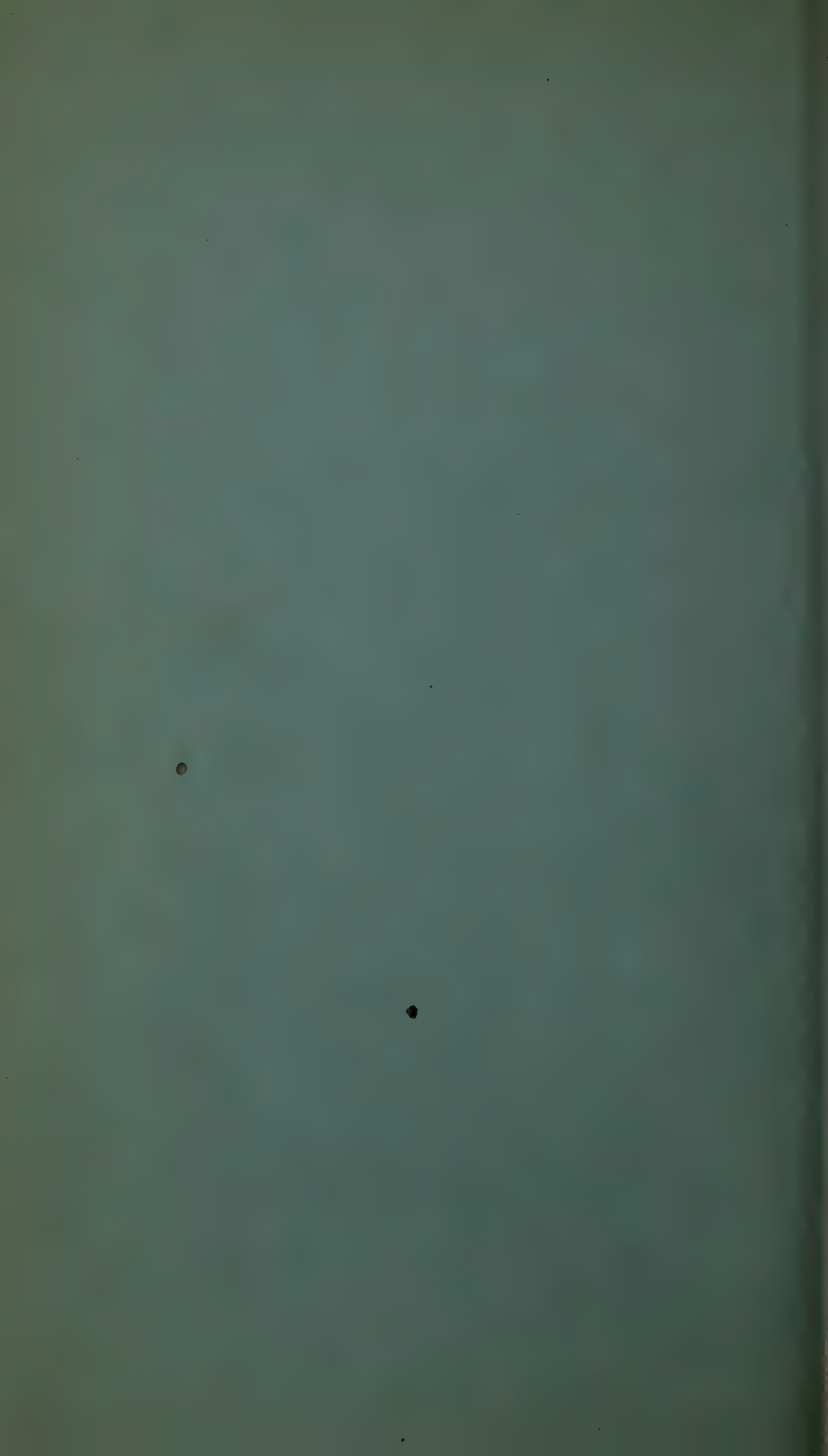
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1884-85.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of
Highways.

ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER. RUFUS A. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

WINSLOW BATTLES	. . . . .	Term expires April 1, 1885.
THOMAS DOLAN	. . . . .	" " " 1, 1886.
JOHN B. WREN	. . . . .	" " " 1, 1887.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	. . . . .	Term expires April 1, 1885.
DANIEL HOWARD	. . . . .	" " " 1, 1886.
WINSLOW BATTLES	:	" " " 1, 1887.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY. CHARLES F. McMAHON.
ELISHA MANN, JR.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	HENRY H. SHEDD.
FRANK J. DONOHUE.	SAMUEL A. FOSTER.
E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.	JOHN HANEY.
HIRAM SNOW.	

Tax Collector.

EDSON M. ROEL.

Fence Viewers.

AUGUSTUS J. TOWNS. EPHRAIM MANN. ADAM F. JONES.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.	J. WHITE BELCHER.
HIRAM C. ALDEN.	GEORGE W. WALES.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*. WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.
JOHN HANEY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MARTIN P. PIKE.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

WILLIAM NEALE, of Stoughton. WM. W. HURLEY, of Randolph.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To the Inhabitants of Randolph :

The Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of Highways, herewith submit their annual report for the year ending March 1, 1885.

In presenting to our citizens a report of the financial affairs for the past year, we are satisfied that those having charge of the different departments have accomplished the best results with the means at their disposal.

We call your attention to the Treasurer's report showing a reduction of the town debt during the past year of \$6281.53, leaving the net debt of the town March 1, 1885, \$10,705.34.

At the last annual meeting no appropriation was made for the enforcement of laws, but on account of frequent demands by citizens for protection, we considered some action necessary on our part, and, as we believe for the best interests of the town, have expended the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose, and would recommend for the ensuing year an appropriation of three hundred dollars.

HIGHWAYS.

We have attended to the duties of this department, and in making general repairs, we find the amount expended per mile less than in neighboring towns, and that to keep the streets in their usual good condition, an increased appropriation will be necessary the ensuing year, as we have been

obliged to postpone certain needed repairs. We therefore recommend the sum of twenty-three hundred dollars for general repairs, also two hundred dollars additional for paving.

The appropriation for the completion of Union street was found insufficient to complete the work as at first contemplated. A sidewalk has been built on the southerly side, and we believe the street to be in better average condition than the other streets of the town.

Sidewalks have been built on South Main and Ward streets, as per vote of the town.

GUIDE POSTS.

Guide posts have been erected and maintained within the town in accordance with chapter 53 of the Public Statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,000 00
Stetson high school,	1,200 00
repairs of highways,	2,400 00
Union street widening,	300 00
Fire Department,	2,000 00
general town expenses,	13,225 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
medical attendance on poor,	300 00
Ward street sidewalk,	200 00
South Main street sidewalk,	300 00
County tax,	1,416 52
State tax,	2,900 00
Total,	<u>\$32,341 52</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1884.

Real estate,	\$1,457,450 00
Personal estate,	545,660 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the state,	266,487 50
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the state,	179,192 50
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,448,790 00</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1884, \$14.00 on \$1000.

Number of polls May 1, 1884,	1,173
of dwellings May 1, 1884,	778 $\frac{5}{8}$
of horses May 1, 1884,	338
of cows May 1, 1884,	199
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1884,	5,837 $\frac{1}{4}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1885.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$11,000 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
One hook and ladder carriage and apparatus,	1,200 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,150 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres of salt marsh	500 00
Twenty acres of land, Upham lot,	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00

School-house and land, District No. 3, . . .	\$1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4, . . .	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5, . . .	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6, . . .	1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land, . . .	15,000 00
Eight shares in Randolph National Bank, . . .	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value, . . .	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value, . . .	1,000 00
Turner free library, . . .	5,000 00
Turner free library building and land, . . .	40,000 00
Turner free library fund, . . .	5,000 00
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	\$143,090 00

EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$31,739.65.

On account of schools, teaching, fuel,	
repairs, &c., . . .	\$8,732 28
of Stetson high school, . . .	1,200 00
of highways, . . .	2,277 02
of removing snow, . . .	88 80
of Union street, . . .	414 37
of sidewalks, . . .	447 52
of paving, . . .	208 84
of town officers, . . .	1,761 58
of state aid, . . .	1,517 00
of military aid, . . .	1,449 83
of decoration of soldiers' graves, . . .	100 00
of abatement of taxes, . . .	409 92
of funeral expenses, . . .	231 00
of fire department, . . .	1,683 67

On account of miscellaneous expenses, . . .	\$1,389 13
of poor in almshouse, . . .	2,868 20
of poor out of almshouse, . . .	4,111 81
of poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook military, . . .	1,168 23
of poor of other towns, . . .	1,264 97
of state paupers and tramps, . . .	181 48
of coal undelivered, . . .	234 00
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	\$31,739 65

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures
For schools,	\$8,000 00	\$8,732 28
Income from other sources,	442 38	
For Stetson high school,	1,200 00	1,200 00
Poor out of almshouse, state paupers and tramps,	4,200 00 net	4,009 04
Poor in almshouse	2,500 00 net	1,495 29
Poor belonging to Ran- dolph and Holbrook,	1,000 00 net	778 82
Medical attendance on poor,	300 00	*215 98
Poor of other towns,		1,264 97
Repairs of highways,	2,000 00	2,235 54
Removing snow,	200 00	88 80
Paving,	200 00	208 84
Union street,	300 00	414 37
Sidewalks,	500 00	447 52
Town officers,	1,825 00	1,761 58
State aid,		1,517 00

For Military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ from the

state,	\$700 00	\$724 91
Fire department,	2,000 00	1,683 67
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00	1,389 13
Abatement of taxes		409 92
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	100 00
Funeral expenses,		231 00
Reduction of town debt,	5,000 00	5,000 00
Interest on town debt,	1,500 00	1,121 63

*Included in pauper expenses.

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for services, $68\frac{8}{10}$ days,	\$137 60
Martin P. Pike, for two horses and carts, $66\frac{3}{20}$ days,	198 70
Josiah Clark, for team, scraping roads,	52 00
Josiah Clark, for single team, 4 days,	14 00
James Reilly, for single team, $15\frac{1}{2}$ days,	55 48
James Reilly, for labor, 3 days,	6 00
Elbridge Jones, for single team, $4\frac{2}{5}$ days,	11 00
Martin F. Smith, for single team, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	9 50
Royal T. Mann, for single team, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days,	48 48
Charles H. Mann, for single team, 5 days,	17 50
Rufus A. Thayer, for single team, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days,	13 12
Francis E. Stetson, for single team, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	12 25
Manus Gallagher, for single team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 25
Matthew Graham, for labor, $77\frac{6}{7}$ days,	136 24
John Desmond, for labor, $73\frac{4}{5}$ days,	129 22
Thomas Duff, for labor, $72\frac{7}{10}$ days,	127 21
Lewis Jones, for labor, $69\frac{3}{5}$ days,	121 80

Paid Thomas Whalin, for labor, $68\frac{3}{10}$ days,	\$119 51
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $47\frac{7}{10}$ days,	83 44
Patrick Barry, for labor, $22\frac{9}{10}$ days,	40 15
James Slowey, for labor, $16\frac{5}{7}$ days,	29 24
Thomas Johnston, for labor, $40\frac{3}{10}$ days,	70 52
Thomas Carroll, for labor, 45 days,	78 75
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $30\frac{17}{20}$ days,	54 00
John O'Keefe, for labor, $15\frac{7}{20}$ days,	26 85
George F. French, for labor, $25\frac{9}{10}$ days,	42 81
Jedediah French, for labor, 11 days,	19 25
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $15\frac{4}{5}$ days,	25 95
Charles H. Cole, for labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	11 37
Frederic Winnett, for labor, 9 days,	15 75
Peter Casey, for labor, $5\frac{2}{5}$ days,	9 80
Patrick Bowen, for labor, $4\frac{1}{5}$ days,	7 70
Sylvanus Thayer, for labor, $8\frac{9}{10}$ days,	15 57
Alva M. Nightingale, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 12
James Googan, for labor, 3 ¹ days,	6 12
James Barry, for labor, 6 days,	10 50
John McAuliffe, for labor, $13\frac{17}{20}$ days,	24 23
George B. Dench, for labor, $5\frac{2}{5}$ days,	9 45
George B. Dench, for labor,	2 75
John B. Thayer, for labor, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days,	8 50
Patrick Mahan, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
William Shields, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
David Irving, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Daniel Elliott, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 12
Herbert Jones, for labor, 4 days,	6 00
Mason Lovering, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 63
Josiah Clark, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
James Carroll, for team labor,	3 00
Daniel Danahey, for labor, $5\frac{1}{20}$ days,	8 83

Paid David H. Lane, for labor, $19\frac{1}{8}$ days,	\$33 45
Frederic Miller, for labor, $1\frac{3}{10}$ days,	2 27
John Dorr, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 25
Willam H. Martin, for labor $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	75
Thomas Good, for single team, 1 day,	3 50
Thomas Good, for labor, $\frac{4}{5}$ day,	1 36
E. A. Perry, for labor,	1 50
Michael Brady, for labor, $\frac{1}{5}$ day,	34
Dennis Kelliher, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 37
Dennis Kelliher, for caps,	1 28
Moses Mann, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
A. A. Payne, for labor,	4 00
Charles H. Mann, for labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
Michael Morgan, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Chandler Cox, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 37
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
John Gill, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Philip Reilly, for labor, 2 days,	3 00
Andrew Tracy, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Oliver H. Bowman, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Bernard Clark, for labor, 1 day,	1 00
James M. Jones, for labor,	3 00
Peter Sheridan, for labor,	1 00
Joseph Crosby, for labor, 2 days	3 50
Nathaniel Noyes, for labor and stock,	3 53
Joseph Graham, for railing,	3 75
H. B. Alden, for 360 loads of gravel,	25 20
Simon B. Corliss, for 141 loads stone	14 10
Simon B. Corliss, for bridge stone,	1 00
Frederic T. Wright, for 70 loads of gravel,	3 50
John L. Manning, for 6 loads of gravel,	30
Thomas F. Lynch, for 176 loads of gravel,	17 60

Paid Seth Mann, 2d, for 36 loads of gravel,	\$3 60
Daniel Wilde, for gravel,	13 25
Joshua Hunt, for 67 loads of gravel,	4 69
Amasa S. Niles, for 158 loads of gravel,	11 06
Michael Ford, for 125 loads of gravel,	8 75
Estate of Moses C. Beal, for 90 loads of gravel,	9 00
E. M. Roel, for 295 loads of gravel,	20 65
Aaron Prescott, for gravel,	19 80
Amasa Clark, for 57 loads of gravel,	5 70
Samuel Howard, for 30 loads of gravel,	3 00
James M. Dyer, for 21 loads of gravel,	2 10
Martin L. Eddy, for 59 loads of gravel,	5 90
Adam F. Jones, for bridge stone,	1 00
Elbridge Jones, for trimming trees,	1 50
Thomas Good, for box,	50
Frank H. Langley, for sharpening tools,	7 88
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and stock,	20 37
Eleazer Beal, for damages,	20 00
Geo. H. Sampson, for Atlas powder,	22 30
For paving-stones,	6 25
Sundry persons, for picking stones,	79 80
Total,	<u>\$2,277 02</u>

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By cash for Atlas powder and gravel sold,	41 48
Net expense,	<u>\$2,235 54</u>

UNION STREET.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor, $12\frac{1}{10}$ days,	\$24 20
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts, $12\frac{1}{10}$ days,	36 30

Paid Matthew Graham, for labor, $12\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	\$22 22
Thomas Duff, for labor, $12\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	22 22
John Desmond, for labor, $12\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	22 22
Lewis Jones, for labor, $12\frac{11}{20}$ days, .	21 96
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $14\frac{11}{20}$ days, .	25 46
Thomas Carroll, for labor, $13\frac{1}{20}$ days, .	22 83
George F. French, for labor, $15\frac{11}{20}$ days, .	27 20
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $13\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	23 97
John O'Keefe, for labor, $7\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	13 47
Daniel A. Elliott, for labor, $9\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	16 97
Daniel A. Elliott, for gravel and stone, .	35 00
Dennis Kelliher, for labor, $8\frac{1}{5}$ days, .	14 35
Moses Mann, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $11\frac{7}{10}$ days, .	20 47
Charles H. Cole, for labor, 11 days, .	19 25
Frank H. Langley, for sharpening tools, .	20 88
Geo. H. Sampson, for Atlas powder, .	21 90
Total,	<hr/> \$414 37

WARD STREET SIDEWALK.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	\$11 00
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	16 50
Matthew Graham, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Thomas Duff, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Lewis Jones, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Thomas Carroll, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
Daniel Kiley, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87
George F. French, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	7 87

Paid Charles A. Alden, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	\$0 87
Thomas F. Lynch, for 68 loads of gravel, .	6 80
Total,	<u>\$98 13</u>

SIDEWALK SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Paid Martin P. Pike, for labor, $14\frac{1}{4}$ days, .	\$28 50
Martin P. Pike, for 2 horses and carts, $14\frac{1}{4}$ days,	42 75
Josiah Clark, for scraping road,	9 38
Thomas Good, for single team, 1 day,	3 50
Matthew Graham, for labor, $15\frac{2}{5}$ days,	26 95
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $16\frac{7}{10}$ days,	28 60
John Desmond, for labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days,	30 35
Thomas Duff, for labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days,	30 35
James Slowey, for labor, $17\frac{7}{10}$ days,	30 35
Lewis Jones, for labor, 9 days,	15 75
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $16\frac{1}{10}$ days,	29 49
Charles H. Cole, for labor, $9\frac{7}{10}$ days,	16 35
George F. French, for labor, $15\frac{1}{10}$ days,	27 20
Patrick Barry, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Daniel Danahey, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
David Lane, for labor, 4 days,	7 00
Thomas Carroll, for labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 12
William Broad, for labor,	1 00
Total,	<u>\$349 39</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others,	\$20 65
James Reilly and others,	20 10
Thomas Good and others,	4 15
Martin L. Eddy and others,	13 00

Paid Elbridge Jones and others,	\$16 90
Royal T. Mann and others,	9 00
T. Fardy & Son, repairs on snow-plough, .	5 00
Total,	<u>\$88 80</u>

PAVING HIGHWAYS.

Paid D. W. Wilbur, for concreting gutters, .	\$144 20
Martin P. Pike, for 4½ days' labor, . .	9 00
Martin P. Pike, for 4½ days' town team, .	13 50
Matthew Graham, for 5 days' labor, . .	8 75
John Desmond, for 4 days' labor, . . .	7 00
Thomas Whalin, for 4 days' labor, . . .	7 00
Thomas Duff, for 4 days' labor,	7 00
Thomas Carroll, for 5 days' labor, . . .	8 75
Edson M. Roel, for 52 loads of gravel, .	3 64
Total,	<u>\$208 84</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND
HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Paid Royal T. Mann,	\$400 00
John B. Thayer,	300 00
Rufus A. Thayer,	300 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Winslow Battles,	\$110 00
Thomas Dolan,	100 00
John B. Wren,	100 00

Town Auditors for the year ending March

1, 1884,	\$10 00
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Paid Engineers of Fire Department for services	
and extra time to May 1, 1884, . . .	\$102 50
Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes, 1883, . . .	339 08
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Total,	\$1,761 58

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110 G.A.R.,	\$100 00
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Total,	\$100 00

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State), . .	\$1,517 00
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Total,	\$1,517 00

STATE AID UNDER LAW OF 1879.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State,) . .	\$1,449 83
One half paid by the state,	724 92
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Total paid by town,	\$724 91

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for the year 1884, . . .	\$409 92
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Total,	\$409 92

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, undertaker, attending 77	
funerals,	\$231 00
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Total,	\$231 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see Engineers' report),	\$1,683 67
Total,	\$1,683 67

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town reports,	\$235 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing poll lists, warrants, jurors' lists, advertising, &c.,	136 50
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	101 42
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	51 10
Royal W. Turner, for insurance,	52 50
Constables, for services July 3 and 4,	52 50
William B. Hathaway, entertaining town officers,	33 25
Henry H. Francis, for services as constable (1883),	27 50
Henry H. Francis, for posting warrant, &c.,	5 00
Frank J. Donohue, for special services,	74 50
Henry H. Shedd, for special services,	75 00
Colin Boyd, for care of Selectmen's rooms,	25 00
Colin Boyd, for care of hall, town meetings,	5 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for examining tax titles and cash paid,	50 00
Eleazer Beal, for surveying,	10 50
Charles K. Darling, for stationery,	6 23
A. J. Towns, for ice,	2 50
Edwin M. Mann, for wood and labor,	19 25
Charles D. Capen, for surveying town lines,	4 50

Paid Henry H. Francis, for labor and merchandise,	\$7 51
Colin Boyd, for posting notices and care of flag,	8 50
Geo. W. Pollock, for repairs,	5 00
Henry Campbell, for varnishing hearse,	15 00
Andrew Strickland, for land damage,	20 00
Henry H. Shedd, for posting warrant and serving notices on town officers,	11 80
Catharine F. Foley, for damages,	80 00
T. T. Cushman, for examining nuisances,	11 00
Ralph Houghton, for case for ballot box, and labor,	25 00
Martin P. Pike, for distributing town reports,	5 00
M. H. Ballou, for taxes on Upham lot,	25 23
N. H. Tirrell, for painting lock-up,	9 00
A. H. Latham, for professional services,	5 00
Colin Boyd, for care of lawn, labor and mdse.,	17 85
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, for lamp fixtures,	2 79
J. W. Carpenter, Jr., for ink,	85
N. L. Glidden, for telegraphing,	29
Thomas Groom & Co., for tax book,	2 00
Edward A. Perry, for reservoir covers,	8 25
Commonwealth of Mass., for register of voters,	2 65
Ralph Houghton, for services of medical examiner,	3 00
F. Porter, for stationery,	85
Nathaniel Noyes, for labor on lock-up,	3 02
Seth Mann, 2d, for recording deed,	63
Jedediah French, for labor on town lot,	1 75
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse.,	3 38
A. J. Gove, for horse-keeping,	1 00

Paid A. J. Gove, for expressage,	\$6 57
Colin Boyd, for care of room for registrars,	2 00
James F. Babcock, for analyzing water, and expenses,	10 50
Green & Prescott, for advertising water petition,	7 00
A. J. Gove, for conveyance for water committee,	6 00
Wales Bros., for repairing pumps,	4 00
John H. Field, for postage and box,	4 35
Geo. W. Wales, for canvassing for registration,	30 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	12 00
Messrs. Mann, Thayer and Thayer, for ex- penses to Boston, Brockton, Taunton, Quincy, and other towns,	63 11
Total,	<hr/> \$1,389 13

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The applications for aid from the outside poor show no abatement during the past year, and owing to the increased number of inmates at the almshouse, more room is needed, as many receiving outside aid would be better cared for there, and at less expense to the town. We would therefore recommend a special appropriation for its enlargement.

Martin P. Pike and wife have had charge of the almshouse and town farm during the past year, and their reputation gained by ten years' experience has been fully sustained, as good order, neatness and economy testify. They have tendered their resignation, to take effect May 1, 1885, and we think that the town has cause to regret that their services can no longer be retained.

The whole number supported at the almshouse during the year was twenty-four. Average number, sixteen and one-third.

Names of persons supported in the almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1885 :

Frances McMath,	Francis Myers,*
Maggie Morrisey,	William Doyle,
William Morrisey, Jr.,	Teresa Long,
Lewis Linfield,	Maggie Quinlan,
Ellen Buckley,	Mary E. Buckley,
David McKay,	Luther F. Thayer,
Catharine Heney,	Royal S. Holbrook,
Lysander Holbrook,	Annie R. Brunbury,*

* Discharged.

Annie L. Holbrook,
 Albert C. Holbrook,
 James E. Upham,†
 William Shea,

Rose Brunbury,*
 Mary Brunbury,*
 Bartholomew Brunbury,*
 Eli Hayden.‡

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, superintendent, one year,	\$600 00
Charles Prescott & Co., for supplies,	348 70
J. White Belcher, for grain and meal,	311 25
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	96 90
Joel F. Sheppard & Co., for coal,	102 32
Josiah Clark, for meat,	197 46
H. H. Guinan, for clothing,	53 10
Frank H. Langley, for labor and mdse.,	47 03
Sidney French, for boots and shoes,	35 35
William S. Hills, for flour,	61 50
Howard W. Spurr & Co., for groceries,	166 53
Shepard, Norwell & Co., for dry goods,	12 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	44 10
Thomas Carroll, for labor,	127 75
David H. Lane, for labor,	34 62
Holmes & Blanchard, for mdse.,	19 60
N. Rosenfeld, for mdse.,	63 98
John B. Thayer, for labor and material,	26 50
E. A. Allen, for supplies,	23 70
E. A. Allen, for medical attendance,	21 19
William B. Brown, for repairs on carryall,	4 25
Dodge, Haley & Co., for mdse.,	8 60
Nathaniel H. Tirrell, for painting carryall,	7 25

* Discharged. ‡ To be refunded.

Paid F. Porter, for supplies,	\$6 20
F. E. Fay & Co., for supplies,	3 75
McWilliams & Co., for mdse.,	21 05
G. F. Austin & Co., for mdse.,	7 19
A. J. Towns, for ice,	13 43
Charles E. Higgins, for painting,	31 65
James Reilly, for labor,	7 40
Estate of Walter Cartwright, for repairs,	11 90
T. Fardy & Son, for labor and material,	7 95
M. M. Alden, for labor and material,	12 32
Heirs of William Cole, for pasture,	16 00
John Hopkins, for labor,	18 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse.,	12 10
A. J. Gove, for expressage,	17 10
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	11 83
W. M. Babbitt, for medical attendance,	1 21
Royal T. Mann, for wagon,	20 00
Royal T. Mann, for team labor,	3 00
Morse & White, for gravel screen,	7 50
James H. Wales, for labor and mdse.,	4 03
James H. Wales, for drag plank,	3 50
Matthew Graham, for wood,	18 00
William H. Cobb, for fertilizer,	21 00
William H. Cobb, for hay-cutter,	5 00
Ephraim Mann, for apples,	4 00
James Reilly, for dressing hogs,	3 00
Hixon & Co., for meat,	2 93
A. L. Chase, for medical attendance,	9 40
Mrs. Holbrook, for dressmaking,	4 25
Mrs. Littlefield, for dressmaking,	1 75
Frank Morton, for labor and mdse.,	15 00
John F. Carey and others, for fish,	12 85

Paid S. W. Willard & Son, for tripe, . . .	\$2 25
F. W. Vye and others, for crackers, . . .	5 50
Francis E. Stetson, for pigs, . . .	19 00
Houghton, Dutton & Co., for mdse., . . .	13 75
Jordan, Marsh & Co., for mdse., . . .	7 50
O. C. Railroad Company, for freight, . . .	4 36
Sundry persons for labor, . . .	12 99
Sundry bills for mdse., . . .	54 88
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	\$2,868 20

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To stock on hand March 1, 1884, . . .	\$2,283 30
cash paid as per this report, . . .	2,868 20
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	\$5,151 50

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By stock on hand March 1, 1885, . . .	\$2,327 45
cash paid treasurer for labor by Martin P. Pike and town teams, . . .	622 50
cash paid treasurer for labor by David H. Lane, . . .	40 45
cash paid treasurer for labor by Thomas Carroll, . . .	141 57
cash paid treasurer for milk and produce sold, . . .	38 50
cash paid treasurer for board, amount included in bill paid by the town of Holbrook, . . .	356 16
amount due for board, . . .	129 58
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	\$3,656 21
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Net cost of almshouse, . . .	\$1,495 29

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Levi L. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	\$119 57
for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	186 85
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hospital,	188 62
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	182 77
for William J. Kinsley, at State Lunatic Hospital,	23 57
for John Carey, at State Lunatic Hospital,	23 11
for John C. Kelliher and family,	210 39
for Edwin and Mary Chessman,	305 47
for Leonard A. Jones,	241 32
for Mrs. George F. Eddy and family, . . .	119 69
for Mrs. Edward Brackin and family, . .	198 54
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family, . . .	166 52
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family,	163 00
for Mrs. William Grady and family, . . .	121 64
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family, . . .	134 07
for Mrs. William S. Allen and family, . .	103 00
for Mrs. John Lynch and family,	77 25
for Mrs. James Butler,	45 00
for Ann F. Thayer,	100 00
for Loring Jones,	96 00
for Noah Holbrook and wife,	105 20
for Paul T. Clark,	24 75
for Julia Holbrook,	112 84
for Eliza Myers,	60 00
for Luther F. Thayer,	34 72

Paid for George C. Currie,	\$28 73
for Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr.),	52 00
for George Raymond,	25 35
for Alexander Holbrook and wife,	58 98
for Annie R. Brunbury and family,	52 80
for Luke O'Reilly and family,	120 98
for Edmund F. Eddy and wife,	64 60
for Lizzie Bird,	36 00
for William Thayer,	58 85
for Hiram Holbrook and family,	38 82
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family,	65 93
for Martha Kelliher and family,	20 27
for Mrs. John Fencer at Brockton,	12 50
for William T. Eaton (1882),	9 50
for John W. Sylvester,	5 00
for Isaac Holbrook,	27 93
for Thomas Donohue and family,	28 31
for Frances Myers,	16 00
for Margaret Madden,	12 92
for Robert Acherson,	22 00
for William Acherson and wife,	17 71
for James FitzGerald,	6 50
for Lysander C. Morse,	8 00
for Frederic Miller,	5 55
for Robert Winn,	10 00
for George Clark,	75
for sundry bills for aid,	64 59
for sundry bills for aid refunded,	52 25
Expenses for paupers,	45 10
Total,	<hr/> \$4,111 81

CR.

By aid refunded,	\$52 25
For coal undelivered,	234 00
	<hr/> \$284 25
Net cost,	<hr/> \$3,827 56

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.*

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$174 15
for James O'Brien, at State Reform School,	24 43
for John O'Brien, at State Reform School,	20 43
for Mrs. Frances Boyle and family,	163 41
for Morton Holbrook and family,	126 25
for Christiana Sloan and family,	143 44
for Charles H. Eddy and family,	97 74
for Albert Howard and family,	77 50
for Thomas F. Hand and family,	69 73
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	77 80
for John E. Mann and family,	41 05
for George W. Cook and family,	28 00
for Lawrence F. Leavitt and family,	12 55
for Sarah A. (Morse) Bond,	14 25
for Louisa Sloan, at Brockton,	26 50
for Henry I. Sloan, at Brockton,	10 00
for Mary Mullins and family, at Boston,	48 00
for William Shea,	13 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,168 23

* One third paid by Holbrook. Additional expenses in almshouse paid by Holbrook.

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook, . . .	\$258 37
for Mrs. Wilfred H. Pendergrass, Holbrook, . . .	156 00
for Lucius Hollis and family, Holbrook, . . .	56 50
for Louisa Poole, Holbrook,	30 00
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	52 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury,	27 50
for Stephen Farnham, Methuen,	92 25
for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington,	131 75
for Frederic Fowler, Jr., Easton,	229 13
for Mrs. Thomas H. Saunderson, Braintree, . . .	96 32
for Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree,	30 00
for George F. Kehr, Canton,	51 35
for Benjamin F. Carey, Lawrence,	23 76
for James Wood, Stoughton,	22 00
for William F. Fullerton (State Aid), Stoughton,	8 04
Total,	\$1,264 97

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd for lodging 293 tramps in lockup, . . .	\$140 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal,	6 50
D. B. White & Co., for supplies,	6 18
O. Lappen & Co., for merchandise,	4 50
Frank F. Smith, for charcoal,	1 80
Colin Boyd, for supplies,	3 33
T. T. Cushman, for medical aid,	3 00
A. J. Gove, for carriage-hire,	1 00
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	\$166 31

Paid Warren M. Babbitt, for medical aid for	
Elizabeth Hayden,	\$15 17
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Total,	\$181 48

Included in the expenses of the poor in almshouse, poor out of almshouse, and poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, are the following sums of money paid to physicians for medical aid rendered for one year:—

Dr. Charles C. Farnham, 177 visits at $30\frac{1}{3}$ cts.,	\$53 69
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman, 59 visits,	17 90
Dr. Dennis F. Kinnier, 20 visits,	6 07
Dr. Augustus L. Chase, 49 visits,	14 86
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt, 66 visits,	20 02
Dr. Emory A. Allen, 341 visits,	103 44
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	\$215 98
Dr. E. A. Allen, for medical attendance (1883),	50 00

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph.

Randolph, March 18, 1885.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,
MARCH 2, 1885.

2 horses,	\$450 00
2 cows,	100 00
1 road-scraper,	175 00
3½ tons of hay, English,	70 00
1½ tons of hay, salt,	18 00
½ ton of hay, meadow,	5 00
2 horse-carts,	130 00
1 carryall,	80 00
1 farm wagon,	60 00
1 pole wagon,	70 00
1 swing drag,	40 00
1 mowing-machine,	50 00
1 hay-cutter and feed-trough,	7 00
2 gravel screens,	15 00
3 harnesses,	50 00
1 double harness,	50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	50 00
1 stump-puller and hook,	25 00
4 draft chains,	10 00
1 grindstone,	5 00
2 ploughs,	15 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
4 shovels, 1 spade,	3 00
1 iron bar, 1 pick,	2 50
3 hoes,	1 00
3 rakes,	75

2 scythes and snaths,	\$2 00
1 sawhorse,	75
Grain and meal,	9 00
12 hens,	8 00
4 lbs. oatmeal,	25
1 pound of tobacco,	45
1 churn,	4 00
15 bushels of potatoes,	12 00
5 gallons of molasses,	2 00
50 pounds of sugar,	3 00
1 peck of beans,	75
Carpenter's tools,	5 00
3 bbls. flour,	16 50
12½ pounds of chocolate,	4 75
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
25 colored blankets,	20 00
26 white blankets,	20 00
12 bedspreads,	9 00
21 comforters and quilts,	20 00
9 feather-beds,	60 00
17 under-beds,	26 50
46 sheets,	25 00
47 pillow-cases,	15 00
41 feather pillows,	13 50
31 towels,	4 00
2 table-cloths,	1 50
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
4 dining-tables,	16 00
7 small tables,	4 00
60 chairs,	30 00
Ash-barrels, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00

Cooking-stove and furniture,	\$45 00
9 flatirons,	4 50
1 hammer,	75
1 pair steelyards,	1 50
1 wood saw,	1 25
1 clothes-wringer,	5 00
2 hammers and 35 drills,	45 00
1 fire-extinguisher,	40 00
1 ice-chest,	12 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	20 00
Tin ware,	12 00
7½ cords of wood,	30 00
1 clock,	4 00
1 road-scraper,	15 00
3½ tons of coal,	20 00
260 pounds of pork,	30 00
1 washing-machine,	5 00
50 pounds of lard,	6 00
18 pounds of soap,	1 00
7 pounds of washing soda	75
Salt mackerel and codfish,	2 50
½ barrel of apples,	1 00
8 cans of corn,	60
24 pounds of tapioca,	1 00
Spice,	2 00
Sewing-machine,	16 00
1 web of cotton cloth,	4 00
9 lamps,	4 00
32 flour barrels,	3 00
120 pounds of ham,	16 00

4 yards of gingham,	\$0 40
4 brooms,	1 00
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	\$2,327 45

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1885.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town: —

For schools (see report of school committee),	\$8,275 00
Stetson high school (see report of trustees),	1,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00
Poor in almshouse,	2,300 00
Poor outside,	4,000 00
Poor, Randolph and Holbrook,	800 00
Military aid,	800 00
Interest on town debt,	1,300 00
Town officers,	2,000 00
Reduction of town debt,	5,000 00
Highways,	2,300 00
Paving,	200 00
Removing snow,	200 00
Fire department (see engineer's report),	1,900 00
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	\$32,075 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.
1884-85.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

With the advent of another spring, and the near approach of the annual town meeting, comes a call to the school committee, under the sanction of custom and the requirement of law, to report to their fellow-citizens the present condition of the public schools, the efforts made and the work done therein to secure to the youth of this town a culture, valuable and useful in itself, that shall afford a reliable foundation for future work in a course of advanced education as means and inclination may prompt, and to offer any suggestions, born of the experience of the past, that may serve to increase their usefulness and broaden their sphere of beneficent results.

SCHOOLS : THEIR CONDITION.

It is with feelings of deep gratification that the committee can, without exaggeration, report the schools under their supervision as generally in good condition ; well organized to accomplish their great mission, and provided with teachers equal to the work required at their hands, and whose fidelity and efforts in the past are a safe guaranty of success and approval in the future.

The committee commend the schools to their fellow-citizens as worthy their fullest confidence, and as deserving their cordial and unstinted support, both in money appropriations and personal influence. And more, while institutions of learning of the most advanced courses, as well as those devoted to the lower grades of instruction and training,—the so-called preparatory schools even,—need and may receive

endowment, may be supplied and equipped with adequate liberality, by buildings, apparatus, books and teachers, unless the children, all and every of them, come up daily to partake of the means thus abundantly provided, to drink at these fountains of knowledge, and grow up in the clear sunlight of sound instruction in morals, literature and science, the system fails measurable of its high purpose to develop, strengthen and ennoble the young and oncoming generation for the duties of the maturer years soon to follow.

Again the committee appeal, as in duty bound, in the child's behalf and that of the permanent good of the town, to parents and guardians of children, that none of the little ones — the children of schoolable age — be, by their neglect or cupidity, deprived of the privilege to secure a good common-school education before the time comes when they shall be turned out upon the world to shift for themselves.

Many barely escape the operations of under-stringent laws in regard to school attendance, by securing an enrolment of their children at school, and then keep them out so often and much that the attendance becomes the exception, absence the rule; thus rendering of little worth the enrolment of the child or his attendance. The whole thing is in piecemeal, patchwork and of little, very little, use. It is earnestly hoped that this bad work, this injustice and crying wrong, perpetrated upon the weak and dependent, whose prolific outcome may darken and cramp the life through long toilsome years, may speedily have an end; giving place to a higher appreciation of duty and justice in the treatment of children, and a more conscientious discharge of grave responsibilities as parent and citizen.

Some cases of the employment of school-children in violation of the law by manufacturers and others, have within

the year come to the knowledge of the committee, but they were met without a resort to the remedies provided by the law. The committee respectfully, though earnestly, call upon employers of juvenile labor to co-operate with them and all good citizens and friends of the young, to secure a thorough compliance with and enforcement of the laws in regard of the attendance of children at school and their employment at labor. The welfare of the children requires this, the good of the community demands it.

OVER-PRESSURE. — PROMOTIONS.

No one does or can blame parents that they are anxiously solicitous for the advancement of their children in their school work. They watch their procession through the several grades of schools with more or less interest, until they approach the higher grades, when the interest reaches the proportions of deep concern and feverish anxiety. Promotion is sought and sometimes demanded with ominous threats when the work necessary to sustain promotion and render it profitable has not been done, or, as often happens, done by an over-pressure applied to the child, alike hurtful to physical and mental growth, and which develops in the succeeding years into a listless performance of school work, too often culminating in sickness, and sometimes in withdrawal from school altogether, — the clear result of undue pressure at home. Many can and should be urged on in their studies, and, with the combined influence of home and the school, with exhortation and threat, the pace is slow, the progress small and unsatisfactory. —

Others there are who need the restraining hand of wisdom, which justly measures and gauges the strength of the casket that holds the precious gems that are to be wrought upon by

education into beauty, usefulness and endurance ; but the casket is through time to hold them, and through it—the body—must they have their manifestation and expression. It is worse than folly to stimulate the mind to a growth out of proportion to that of the physical organism whose limitations it cannot cast off or disregard. This class of children are spurred on at home, and doubtless at school too, greatly to their hurt, sooner or later, both mentally and physically. They should be restrained in their brain-work to the motion and step of the more moderate and plodding, who, by the wise providence of God, are placed in companionship to slacken their speed, perchance. Ambition is desirable. It has recorded many brilliant achievements, many steps in the world's advancement. So, too, along its path of vaulting power are scattered the wrecks of dazzling genius, sanguine hopes and "bold emprise," urged by its siren spell to flights beyond the reach of stoutest wing. So promotions in school are desirable and to be coveted, but not until all the steps necessary have been well taken, till the preparatory work has been well done and a development of body and mind secured equal to the proper performance of the advanced work without strain upon body or mind, — leaving no room for the play of the desire of pupil or parent to flaunt the *name* of promotion or advance to a higher grade of school, without the ability, or intent even, to perform the work attached to the advanced position. In this connection the committee with much concern suggest to parents and teachers the exercise of greater care and a nicer discrimination in dealing with this class of children at home and at school, lest, in a mistaken estimate of the child's welfare, the fruitful seeds of future harm be sown, in this over-anxiety for, and this crowding and cramming to secure, advance in school classification.

Since writing the above there has appeared in the public press a report of a lecture by Dr. Folsom in the "School Hygiene Course," delivered in Boston, which is so in keeping with the views of the committee, and enforced with the strength of professional authority, that they are induced to append the following extracts, regretting their inability to present the whole lecture :—

"The question of over-pressure in schools has not been answered. School training either has immediate effect upon the scholar, or has an effect later in life ; but one must consider the task of the schools." "Different standards of health can be provided for imperfectly, and only with the assistance of the parents." "To the nervous temperament belong great gifts, but also the lack of self-control ; and children possessing this temperament need especial training." "St. Vitus' dance frequently occurs in school, and requires rest and medical treatment, instead of moral and mental training, which misguided parents often demand. Nervous children are capable only of a limited amount of work, and require low pressure." "The children of public schools are far below the proper standard of health, even when not possessing the nervous temperament." "Children should not enter school before five years old." "To the age of thirteen they should not study at home ; after thirteen they should study but one hour a day at home until the constitution is fully established." "Piano practice and social duties cannot be combined with the school."

BOOKS AND OTHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

At the session of the Legislature last year the following law was placed among the statutes of the State :—

"SECTION 1. The school committee of every city and

town shall purchase, at the expense of said city or town, text-books and all other school supplies used in the public schools, and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of said public schools free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the school committee may prescribe.

"SEC. 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed.

"SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-four."

It will be observed that the above went into operation the first of last August, and consequently becoming applicable to this town practically on the opening of the schools, the first week in September following. The committee attempted to adjust themselves in money asked for last spring to this operation of the new law, but it was generally known that a law was passed making school-books and other supplies free to pupils in the schools, and the result was that many of those whose children needed new books at the beginning of the spring term, by reason of promotions, did not pay for the books and other supplies, though the new law had not gone into effect at that time. This circumstance has helped to swell the book account to unusual proportions, there having been less receipts from sales made during this first term of the school year.

The committee prepared a code of rules and regulations to meet this new condition of things in the book and supply department, as follows:—

RULES CONCERNING SCHOOL SUPPLIES LOANED TO CHILDREN OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Books and all other supplies purchased at the expense of the town by the school committee, in compliance with the law passed in the year 1884, and going into effect August 1 of the same year, shall be distributed to the pupils of the public schools by the several teachers, subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the school committee, hereunto annexed, and such others as they may, from time to time, prescribe.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Before distribution to pupils all books and other supplies, when practicable, shall be stamped, "The property of the public schools of Randolph, Mass."

2. All books and other school supplies shall be furnished to the pupils of the public schools free of charge as a loan, for their use while in attendance upon the schools aforesaid.

3. No pupil having the requisite books and supplies at the close of the last term — June 20, 1884 — shall be furnished with similar books and supplies until those on hand are used up or completed.

4. No books or supplies of any kind whatever, loaned to pupils under the law aforesaid, shall be taken by pupils from the school-rooms where used, without the consent of the teachers, who shall be responsible for books thus taken home; and teachers are specially enjoined not to permit books or other supplies to be taken from the school-rooms on or about the last day of the term.

5. Writing and drawing books, pens and drawing-pencils, shall be taken up at the close of the exercises in writing and drawing and kept in the teachers' desks till again wanted for

use. Paper, blanks, &c., for dictation exercises or other special work, and slates for juvenile work, shall be kept by the teachers and distributed at times when needed by pupils for use.

6. Each pupil whose work is at such a state of advancement as to need them, shall be supplied with a slate pencil, a common lead pencil for ordinary work, and a piece of rubber, to be retained at his desk, unless it is found by the teacher that these several articles are being used in a careless or wasteful manner, when the teacher shall cause the same to be left at his desk at the close of each session.

7. There shall be a set examination by the teachers, respectively, of all books and supplies, furnished under the law of 1884, excepting those mentioned in rule 5, at or about the close of each term of the school year, to ascertain the manner in which the books and supplies are being used and cared for by the pupils; and the results of these examinations shall be reported to the school committee at the meeting when teachers are paid off. A careful supervision over this part of the public property from day to day by the teachers is not to be neglected by compliance with the foregoing.

8. As these books and other school supplies, to the amount of several hundred dollars, always on hand, are included in the term public property as decidedly as school-houses and fences are, any wanton, mischievous or malicious injury thereto, or destruction of, becomes an indictable offence under the laws against injury to or destruction of public property, and will be followed up by prosecution and punishment upon conviction.

9. A record of all books and slates, with the exception of those mentioned in rule 5, shall be kept by each teacher in

a book to be provided by the school committee, stating the names of the pupils supplied, the articles furnished and the number in the list of each pupil's set.

The committee are pleased to be able to report that the teachers and pupils have been painstaking in compliance with the foregoing rules and regulations, and in the use of this new description of "town property," that no loss or unnecessary wear and tear be sustained. The supplies of every kind and description have been thus far used with as great economy and care as would have been the case had they been the property of individuals as in former years. What is to be the expense to the town in the long run, as compared with the expense under the old system and which was borne by those whose children used the books and supplies, sufficient time has not elapsed since the new law went into effect to determine. The indications from the short experience under the new law are that it will be greater; though in part compensation for this excess, should it occur, will stand the important fact that the pupils are more fully equipped at all times for the work in hand.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

During the terms of the school year there have been meetings of the teachers with the committee with tolerable regularity, when matters connected with school government and methods of teaching have been discussed, to the end that the best in theory and practice, found in any one school, might be incorporated unto all.

The interchange, as among friends having a common purpose, of thought, and comparison of theories, methods and practice for which these meetings furnish the occasion, have been of great value as means in bringing the schools of the

town, as a whole, to their present high standing. A healthy emulation among the teachers is awakened by a frequent comparison of results, and methods and plans which had once commended themselves are often abandoned for others shown to work better; thus recognizing the sentiment of "the survival of the fittest."

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS, ATTENDANCE, SICKNESS, &C.

The schools have been kept this year thirty-eight weeks exclusive of vacations, with the exception of single holidays from time to time, with the same number of teachers as last year at salaries shown in the financial statement making a part of this report.

By actual enumeration under the direction of the committee, by law required, there were in the town, May 1, 1884, six hundred and seventy-six children between the ages of five and fifteen years, nine more than the year before. By the teachers' registers it appears that six hundred and sixty-nine have been enrolled during the year, exclusive of the High School enrolment and those in Miss Boyd's Kindergarten School.

The following named have been reported to the committee as not having been absent during the year, and constitute the "Roll of Honor" in attendance:—

Fred. A. Bodwell.	Lizzie Brady.	Arthur A. Thayer.
Wm. Ray Spear.	Geo. N. Wilbur.	Lillian J. Sloan.
Wm. L. Fulsom.	Percy C. Whiting.	Joseph Clark.
Lillian A. Langley.	Florence E. Langley.	Sarah E. Stetson.
Lizzie Dolan.	William Pope.	Alice Sullivan.

Total, 15; four less than was recorded last year in this "roll."

There has, without doubt, been more sickness this year than last to interrupt school attendance. Though the maladies more or less prevalent among the children have been for the most part of a mild type, they have interfered very seriously with the attendance at school, notably in the ungraded schools No. 1 and No. 3. Were it not for the seemingly unavoidable visitations of the so-called juvenile maladies, the committee feel that they would have the great pleasure of here congratulating their fellow-citizens upon the best school attendance known for years. The start at the beginning of the year was unprecedentedly good and full of promise.

During the year covered by this report, the connection with the public schools of Miss Sarah E. Shankland and Miss Emma H. King has ceased; in the former case, after a prolonged course of devoted service, remembered with respect and gratitude by many who are now active in the affairs of this community in sustaining institutions they learned under her instructions to understand and value; in the latter case, after a course of service of less extent in time, but of equal devotion to the interests of the school department of the town. They retire from the service with the best wishes of the committee and the citizens of the town, for their prosperity and happiness in whatever relations of life they may hereafter move.

REPAIRS.

The North Grammar School building has been painted outside and in, and the several rooms and halls calcimined in walls and ceilings and tinted to hues of beauty favorable to the eye of the student. This cost \$138.

The yard here has been improved by removing the top of an outcropping ledge of rock which rendered dangerous a large and otherwise desirable part of the yard as a play-

ground, grading the same and adjoining portions in part, and putting up a strong, tight board fence along the south side of the yard. This cost \$237.34.

A bookcase for the reception of books and other supplies under the new law was needed at this school-house, and has been supplied at a cost of \$18, making a total of \$393.34 for permanent repairs.

The committee recommend that the No. 1 school-house be painted outside and in at an estimated cost of \$100, and that the ceiling of the upper room, which alone is used for school purposes, be newly plastered and other smaller pieces of mason work be done to prepare the room and the halls for the painter, at an estimated cost of \$50.

A portion of the fence around the Prescott Primary School building will need to be reset, and the outbuildings to be renovated and enlarged, with suitable vaults to answer the ends of proper sanitary conditions, at an estimated cost of \$100.

Thus making up the amount of \$250 for what may be classed as permanent repairs for the ensuing year. Other than the above the committee do not anticipate more than the ordinary repairs from the usual wear and tear of things in school use, and will ask for the same amount as last year for incidentals, \$400.

TRUANTS AND TRUANCY.

The truant officers have been called to investigate the causes of absence from school in quite a large number of cases, more than in former years, it seems ; but for the most part their efforts were successful in securing the attendance of the absentees.

Actual truancy was developed in only a small number of

instances. The children were out of school, it appeared, for the most trivial reasons, often for lack of foresight or seasonable thought on the parents' part in getting slight service from the child before school in season for attendance. They report that absence, and even truancy, are due rather to the parents through the want of proper home influence and management, than to the bad heart or depraved disposition of the child. No case of truancy has been dealt with other than in the spirit of forbearance, through persuasion and entreaty; but there are some cases, unless reformation soon takes place, that may require the rigors of the law in their treatment.

The committee respectfully recommend that the town raise and appropriate for the support of public schools the ensuing year the following:—

For teaching,	\$6,500 00
fuel,	350 00
care of rooms,	425 00
permanent repairs:	
painting No. 1 building,	\$100
mason work " "	50
resetting fence, &c., Prescott	
Primary,	100
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	250 00
general and incidental expenses,	400 00
books and other supplies,	350 00
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Total,	\$8,275 00

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1884-5.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average whole number belonging.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 15 years.	Number not absent during the year.
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	57	54	50	92.6	2		1
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	49	46	42	91.3	2		
	Kate E. Sheridan.	48	44	40	90.0			
	Mary A. Molloy.	36	34	32	95.0			3
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary E. Wren.	33	31	29	93.0			
	Kittie R. Molloy.	44	38	36	95.0			1
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	62	44	37	84.0		10	0
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	67	58	54	93.7	2		4
	Alice A. Smith.	44	41	39	94.1			1
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	38	37	32	86.4			0
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	39	29	23	78.4		6	2
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	36	28	22	76.8		4	0
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	45	40	34	85.0		2	0
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	34	26	24	92.0	1		3
" 6. "	Emma H. King.	37	32	28	87.0		4	0
Totals		669	582	522	89.0	7	26	15

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS—1884-5.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher,	900 00
Sarah E. Shankland,	153 92
Isabelle G. Driscoll,	411 50
Kittie E. Sheridan,	392 50
Alice A. Smith,	375 06
Helen P. Henry,	362 90
Mary A. Molloy,	380 00
Sara C. Belcher,	362 90
Emma H. King,	342 00
Mary E. Wren,	367 00
Kitty R. Molloy,	342 00
Emma D. Stetson,	342 00
Minnie W. Corliss,	316 50
Carrie L. Wilkins,	297 50
Sarah J. McGaughey,	162 50
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	\$6,508 28

FOR FUEL.

Paid Herbert C. Wilbur, preparing wood,	\$3 00
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, preparing wood, broom,	3 85
Isaac N. Linfield, coal,	90 00
Fred A. Spear, 26 barrels shavings,	3 25
Peter Sheridan, sawing and splitting wood,	13 50
Royal W. Turner, coal,	169 50
Morton Holbrook, preparing wood, No. Grammar,	2 75
Edwid M. Mann, wood,	10 00

Paid Adam F. Jones, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood, . . .	\$2 50
Adam F. Jones, sawing and splitting, . .	1 50
Daniel Leahy, 3 cords pine wood, . . .	15 00
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	\$314 85

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$218 26
Galen Hollis,	77 00
Herbert C. Wilbur,	25 00
Emma H. King,	21 00
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson,	25 00
Mrs. Julia Connor,	8 33
Mrs. Rose Gill,	9 83
Mrs. Mary Shields,	5 00
John T. Wales,	33 00
Boy drawing water for cleaning, . . .	5 00
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	\$427 42

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid David J. Foley, labor and removing snow,	\$6 00
David J. Foley, services as truant officer, .	25 00
John T. Wales, use of well two years, . .	6 00
E. M. Roel, gravel for Prescott school-yard,	
1883,	16 24
Thomas Farrell, services as truant officer,	
1883,	25 00
Galen Hollis, services as truant officer, 1883,	25 00
Galen Hollis, services as truant officer, 1884,	15 00
Winslow Alden, labor and material, . . .	8 92
John Lyons, carriage hire, 1883, . . .	1 50
D. H. Huxford, printing and advertising,	
1883,	18 75

Paid D. H. Huxford, printing and advertising, 1884,	\$19 00
William B. Brown, labor and material,	7 80
Joseph Belcher, binding dictionary,	2 00
Thomas H. West, selling books, one term,	16 67
N. H. Tirrell, glass, repairs, &c.,	4 37
E. W. Campagna, repairs,	39 43
Nathaniel Noyes, repairs,	4 64
Lawrence Hayes, use of well, 1884,	3 00
J. A. Littlefield, tuning piano,	2 00
W. Battles, taking census,	20 00
J. E. Nash, repairing clocks, 1883 and 1884,	12 00
T. S. Rounds, repairing reference book,	2 30
Richard Stevens, setting glass,	37
W. T. Piper, labor and repairs,	2 50
Thomas Riley, removing snow,	1 50
M. M. Alden, labor and material,	3 10
Charles Prescott,	4 44
Charles A. Wales,	31 34
D. B. White & Co.,	14 90
Colin Boyd, care of committee's room,	6 00
John B. Thayer, labor on water-pipes,	5 50
A. J. Gove, expressage and teams,	27 90
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	\$378 17

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid E. W. Campagna, fence \$40, bookcase \$18,	\$58 00
M. P. Pike, labor on North Grammar school-yard,	178 34
N. H. Tirrell, painting North Grammar school-house,	138 00

Paid Thomas Fardy & Son, iron posts, North Grammar school	\$19 00
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	\$393 34

SCHOOL SUPPLIES — BOOKS, &C.

Paid Knight, Adams & Co., merchandise, .	\$21 00
Clafin & Brown, "	8 50
A. C. Stockton, "	35 50
Copperthwait & Co., "	13 64
Harper Brothers, "	4 80
Ward & Gay, "	2 00
Charles H. Whitney, "	1 17
Harrison Hume, "	11 34
Boston School Supply Co., "	16 98
William Ware & Co., "	107 63
Ginn, Heath & Co., "	9 72
Rubber Co., Derry, N.H., 3 stamps for books, .	12 00
Harrison Hume, merchandise,	39 13
William Ware & Co., "	181 36
Harper Brothers, "	54 52
Carroll W. Clark, "	12 60
Geo. F. King & Merrill, "	21 30
Ginn, Heath & Co., "	55 50
Clafin & Brown, "	4 65
Boston School Supply Co., "	17 36
Knight, Adams & Co., "	18 40
Boston School Supply Co., "	8 55
Geo. F. King & Merrill, "	11 20
William Ware & Co., "	17 87
Gardner Wright, two pencil sharpeners, .	10 00
Ward & Gay,	2 00
Clafin & Brown,	4 50

Paid Carroll W. Clark,	\$7 00
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	\$710 22

RECAPITULATION.

Teaching,	\$6,508 28
Fuel,	314 85
Care of rooms,	427 42
Books, school supplies, &c.,	710 22
Permanent repairs,	393 34
Miscellaneous and incidental,	378 17
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Total expenditure,	\$8,732 28

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the town for teaching,	\$6,120 00
" " fuel,	378 00
" " care of rooms,	436 00
" " books and supplies,	316 00
" " permanent repairs,	350 00
" " miscell. and incid.,	400 00
Received from State,	193 37
" " Coddington fund,	100 00
" " sale of books, 1884,	149 01
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	\$8,442 38

Expense of schools,	\$8,732 28
Income from all sources,	8,442 38
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Excess over amount applicable to schools,	\$289 90

To offset the above there is, of stock paid for, the value of \$408.41.

WINSLOW BATTLES,	} <i>School</i>
THOMAS DOLAN,	
JOHN B. WREN,	

Committee.

Randolph, March 19, 1885.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
RANDOLPH, February 28, 1885.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — The undersigned, engineers of the Randolph Fire Department, submit the following report of the department for the year ending February 28, 1885: —

In accordance with instructions from your office, we met at headquarters and organized the department as follows: —

ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*Chief*), John Haney, W. A. Croak (*Clerk*).

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; W. B. Brown, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, 25 men, S. A. Foster, *Foreman*.

Extinguisher Co. No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*.

Steamer No. 2, Charles Allen, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; G. F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose (horse) No. 2, 10 men, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*, Cyrus H. Thayer, *Driver*.

There have been fires in town as follows: —

June 24, 1884, at 12 M. An alarm for fire in the roof of the Congregational Church, caused by a spark from the fire-

pot of a tinker at work on the gutters of said church. Damage, \$100. Insured. All the apparatus present except Steamer No. 2.

August 6, 5.45 A.M. Alarm for fire in the L of building on Main street, owned by heirs of John O'Brien; occupied by Powderly's oyster saloon. Cause of fire supposed to be incendiary. Damage, \$100. Insured. Whole department responded.

August 25, 12.20 A.M. A small frame building on High street, owned by T. B. Jones. Totally consumed. Incendiary. Damage, \$400. Insured. No alarm on the bells. None of the department present.

October 13, 2.50 P.M. An alarm for a fire on High street, Tower Hill, in the buildings belonging to Catherine Dolan (formerly known as the Jacob Niles estate), consisting of dwelling-house, barn, shed and hall, all of which were destroyed. Cause of fire supposed to be incendiary. Damage about \$3,000. Insured, on building, \$2,000; on contents, \$1,000. All the department present.

December 20, 1.30 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling-house on South Main street, not far from Stoughton line, owned by Eleazer Beal, and occupied by Roswell G. Cox. Totally destroyed. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage, \$700. Insured, \$500. No alarm on the bells. None of the apparatus present.

January 4, 1885, 9.30 A.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling-house on Lafayette street, owned and occupied by Lawrence Hayes. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage, \$50. Insured. No alarm on the bells. Extinguisher Company present.

REPAIRS OF HOUSES.

There have been some repairs made on all the houses, and also some much-needed improvements in the houses of extinguisher No. 1 and steamer No. 2. At the house of extinguisher No. 1, the cistern underneath the building formerly used by the hand engines having caved in, we were obliged to fill it up, and for the purpose of furnishing water for use there, we caused a tank to be placed in the building to be filled from the roof; we also had a top or second floor laid in the room of the first story (there having been only a single floor previous), it being almost impossible to keep the machine from freezing up in the coldest of weather.

At the house of steamer 2 we have also put in a tank in order that the employés of the department might not trouble the wells of people in the neighborhood, and because of the worthlessness of the cistern at that house, which will have to be filled the coming spring.

The inside arrangement of the houses is in very good condition, the roofs will need slight repairs the coming year, and ere long a coat of paint will be needed for some of the buildings.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, which consists of two steamers, two hose carriages, one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck, 2,800 feet of canvas hose, and other necessary appliances, including a set of double harnesses and a single harness at the house of steamer 2, and a set of double harnesses at the house of steamer 1. We have placed two ladders in the houses of steamer 2 and extinguisher No. 1 for use in those neighborhoods. With the advice of the selectmen we have sold the hand engine (Inde-

pendence) to the town of Needham for three hundred dollars.

EXPENSES.

Paid 47 men, services 1 year to May 1, 1884,	
as per vote of town, \$8,	\$376 00
47 men 385½ hours' time at fires, &c., at 25	
cents, as per vote,	96 38
Engineers and firemen of steamers, 40 and	
30, to May 1, 1884,	140 00
W. B. Brown, steward, care of fires, &c.,	
January 1, 1884, to February 28, 1885,	82 39
James H. Wales, care of steamer 1, &c.,	28 66
John B. Wren, shovelling snow,	5 38
E. L. Payne, care of steamer 2, &c.,	46 63.
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, to May 1,	
1884, 2 months,	33 33
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, from May	
1, 1884, to March 1, 1885, 10 months,	250 00
A. J. Gove, drawing truck, hose, extin-	
guisher, coal, expressing, &c.,	24 73
Josiah Clark, drawing steamer 2 and hose 2,	42 00
Colin Boyd, care of room engineers' meet-	
ings, 2 years, to March, 1885,	12 00
M. F. Whitten & Co., rope for Independ-	
ence.	4 11
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, extinguisher	
house,	10 00
E. Hodge & Co., repairs steamer 1,	4 20
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fire ex-	
tinguisher 1, from February 18, 1884, to	
August 30, 1884,	22 50

Paid A. S. Jackson, spanners, waste, &c.,	\$8 50
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	99 63
James Reilly, rent of land steamer 2,	15 00
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs steamer 1,	5 25
M. M. Alden, lumber, nails, &c.,	78 70
W. A. Croak, labor and cash paid,	32 39
N. H. Tirrell, painting, ladders, lanterns, &c.,	7 00
J. T. Manning, filling cistern extinguisher 1,	4 50
Lewis Thompson, labor on Independence,	2 63
Charles Prescott, supplies steamer 2,	2 89
Bishop Brothers, ladders,	19 50
J. B. Thayer, labor on reservoirs,	8 00
N. E. Knight, steward hook and ladder No. 1,	10 00
A. L. Tirrell, supplies extinguisher No. 1,	2 03
G. F. Howard, steward, care of fires from February 23, 1884, to	47 30
G. Dunbar & Co., hand grenades,	5 00
C. A. Wales, cash paid sundry persons,	31 60
C. A. Wales, labor, material and supplies,	102 10
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	10 24
H. C. Hickey, damage to well, Dolan fire,	8 00
F. H. Langley, iron works, steamer 2,	2 50
T. Fardy & Son, iron work, reservoirs,	1 60
J. Clark, wood,	1 50
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	\$1,683 67

Amount of appropriation for 1884—

85, for general expenses (ap-
propriation 1884), \$1,100 00

Pay of men (appropriation
1883), 840 00

\$1,940 00

EXPENSES.

Paid 47 men \$8.00 each,	:	.	\$376 00	
47 men 385½ hours,	.	.	96 38	
engineers and fireman,	.	.	140 00	
general expenses,	.	.	1,071 29	
			<hr/>	\$1,683 67
Balance,	.	.	.	\$256 33

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are all full and in good order at the present time.

It has been the opinion of engineers, as it is of the present board, that the town should build one or more reservoirs every year.

The main street is at the present time, with the exception of one or two places, well supplied with water for fire purposes, and although the citizens have been taxed for building and maintaining of the same, a large part of the town is without the necessary water supply.

We think that taking the cost of reservoirs, which is about \$800 each, beside the expense of filling and keeping them full, that the same amount if applied to placing of hydrants, they could be put in a great many places where a supply of water for fire purposes is actually needed, and would give the citizens of the town a more equal supply, than by building reservoirs, for which they have to pay their share of the tax.

And we would recommend that no action be taken in regard to building reservoirs, until the question of a water supply is decided by a vote of the town.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885-86.

We would recommend that the town pay the firemen \$12 per year, and 25 cents per hour for actual service, and that engineers of steamers be paid \$40; firemen of steamer, \$30.

Men :

For 2 engineers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$80 00
2 firemen,	.	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
General expenses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00

HAND GRENADES.

We have purchased a few hand grenades, *or fire extinguishers*, and propose to purchase more of them to be placed in different sections of the town as follows: Each engine house, also at Tower Hill, West Corners, North street, South street, and No. 1 school-house, and we would suggest that occupants, or owners of factories, stores, &c., purchase them for use upon their premises, as serious fires might be prevented by the use of these grenades in the early stage of a fire. We have seen them tested, and believe they are what they are recommended to be.

In closing this report, we most heartily tender our thanks to all members of the department, also to the board of selectmen, for all courtesies and favors received at their hands.

C. A. WALES,
JOHN HANEY,
W. A. CROAK.

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TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

Paid 784 Town Orders drawn by the Selectmen,	\$31,739 65	
Treasury Notes,	18,000 00	
Interest on Treasury Notes,	1,121 63	
Turner Free Library, Dog Money as per vote of town,	431 69	
State Treasurer:		
Amount of State Tax,	\$2,900 00	
" National Bank Tax,	2,584 61	
" Adjustment of Corporation Tax,	4 16	
		5,488 77
Expense:		
Doctor A. L. Chase, returning births,	\$1 50	
Doctor E. A. Allen, returning births,	6 00	
Doctor T. T. Cushman, returning births,	2 25	
Doctor F. C. Granger, returning births,	6 50	
Doctor Wm. M. Babbitt, returning births,	50	
Doctor C. C. Farnham, returning births,	1 50	
Town Clerk, returning births, marriages		
and deaths,	61 25	
Ralph Houghton, returning deaths,	18 50	
Town Clerk, Election Returns, Stoughton,	5 00	
Town Treasurer, Salary,	100 00	
Stamps, \$3; Postal Cards, \$2; Book, \$3;		
Stationery, \$3,	11 00	
		214 00

Balance,	\$7,180 08
	<u>\$64,813 82</u>

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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Balance,			\$6,489 55
Received for Treasury Notes,			12,000 00
“ Tax Bill, 1884,			31,576 18
“ Bank Dividends,			80 00
“ of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, interest on taxes, 1883,			169 03
“ of C. C. Churchill, Treasurer, Dog Money,			431 69
“ of F. Porter, Liquor License,	\$1 00		
“ of F. E. Fay & Co., Liquor License,	1 00		
“ of S. B. Shaw, Billiard License,	2 00		
“ of Isaac Niles, Auctioneer License,	2 00		
“ of Q. H. Eddy, Peddler,	10 00		
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“ of Weymouth Insurance Co, Premium on Policy,			16 00
“ of Supt. School Committee, Books sold, 1884,			18 90
“ of E. M. Roel, Tax Col., additional taxes, 1883,			149 01
“ of Town of Needham, for Independence Engine,			83 32
“ of H. L. Peirce, rent of “Ponkapog Pond,”			300 00
“ of State Treasurer:	\$20 00		10 00
on account of State Pau-	65 00		
pers,	90 50—	\$175 50	
on account of Corporation	2,763 37		
Tax,	300 55—	3,063 92	
on account of National	3,586 48		
Bank Tax,	302 26—	3,888 74	
on account of State Aid	. . . . .	1,624 00	
on account of Aid to Indigent Soldiers			
and Sailors, Act of 1879,		857 99	
on account of State School Fund,		193 37	
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“ of City of Taunton, pauper,			9,803 52
“ of City of Lawrence, pauper, \$82 78, \$23 76,			53 00
“ of Town of Methuen, pauper,			106 54
“ of Town of Canton, pauper,			86 25
“ of Town of Braintree, pauper,			87 63
“ of Town of Braintree, pauper,			173 58
“ of Town Farm, labor, and produce sold,			843 02
“ of Town of Duxbury, pauper,			40 78
“ of Town of Holbrook, balance in settlement,			1,422 09
“ of Town of Easton, pauper, \$238 00, \$20 00,			258 00
“ of Richard Adams for “old almshouse,” sold,			500 00
“ for Salt Grass,			20 00
“ for 1 Poll Tax, Selectmen,			2 00
“ for Extra Repairs on Highways, Selectmen,			41 48
“ for Cash refunded on pauper acct.,			52 25
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			\$61,813 82

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

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Note to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 25, 1885, . . .	\$5,000 00
Notes to Patrick McMahon, due April 25, 1886, . . .	4,000 00
Note to Lemuel Wentworth, due April 25, 1886, . . .	1,700 00
Note to Lucy A. Wilbur, due April 25, 1887, . . .	800 00
Note to Turner Free Library, on demand, . . .	5,000 00
Note to Randolph Savings Bank, on demand, . . .	5,000 00
Note to Randolph Savings Bank, on demand, . . .	2,000 00
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	\$24,000 00
Accrued interest on above Notes,	320 00
Estimated amount of unpaid Bills,	300 00
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	\$24,620 00

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Coddington Fund, 8 Shares Randolph Nat. Bank, \$1,600 00	
Salt Marsh, 500 00	2,100 00
Due from E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, Tax of 1884, . . .	3,328 26
Due from other towns,	598 67
Due from State Aid,	1,789 00
Due from State Aid to Soldiers and Sailors, Act of 1879, . .	836 92
Due from Treasurer,	4,489 82
Due for Board at Town Farm,	129 58
Coal on hand not delivered,	234 00
School Books,	408 41
Balance,	10,705 34
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	\$24,620 00
Net Town Debt, 1884,	\$16,986 87
Net Town Debt, 1885,	10,705 34
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Town Debt reduced,	6,281 53

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town Treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, and proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. MCMAHON, *Auditors.*

Randolph, March 18, 1885.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

The trustees of the Stetson school fund beg leave to submit their annual report, with the general assurance that it will meet the approbation of those interested in and addressed on the subject.

The funds remain as hitherto reported, with the addition of one thousand dollars recently invested on account of Mr. Turner's donation :

10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par), .	\$1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
20 shares Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300 00
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	\$10,600 00

TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis, Minn., bond,	\$1,000 00
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THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

By the annexed financial exhibit, it will be perceived that the income from the fund, together with the town appropriation, has been insufficient to meet the demands of the school, in consequence of the town's refusal to contribute a sum asked for—fifteen hundred dollars. Without the above sum it was impossible to carry on the school in the manner required by the constantly increasing demands made upon it. The school will commence its annual session on the 7th of April, provided that sufficient money is raised by the town, in addition to the income from the fund, to defray the expenses.

We announce our selection of teachers as last year: Mr. E. N. Lovering for principal, Miss Ada B. Chandler for assistant. We feel and desire to express all our previous satisfaction with the work of both.

They are, the trustees believe, amply qualified for the performance of their respective duties.

The laboratory continues to be of undiminished value to the school. The town is to be congratulated upon the possession of both institution and instructors. The one is the material, the other the instrument, for the performance of a work in every way beneficial to the community.

The annual public examination occurred on the 12th of March in the general school-room. The graduation exercises in the Stetson Hall followed in the afternoon. There could be desired no better proof of the application of pupils and the efficiency of their instruction, than was afforded by the performance of the above exercises. At the close there was the usual delivery of diplomas to all members of the graduating class. In addition, two medals from the Turner fund were presented to the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Clifton Waldermar Merrill Blanchard.

Lucius Alden Tolman.

Addie Florence Morton.

Emma Louise Belcher.

Margaret Alden.

Sarah Marion Higgins.

Near the close of the school year applicants for admission to the school the ensuing year were examined. Of these, thirty-four, — twenty-one girls and thirteen boys, — being found to meet the requirements, were given permission to enter the school at its re-opening.

T. T. CUSHMAN,
DANIEL HOWARD,
WINSLOW BATTLES,

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

Randolph, February 19, 1885.

DR.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1884.

April 1.	To dividends	Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
		Webster National Bank,	20 00	
		Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
		Shoe & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
		Exchange National Bank,	30 00	
		Boylston National Bank,	25 00	
		Tremont National Bank,	25 00	
		Old Boston National Bank,	25 00	
		Shawmut National Bank,	32 50	
		Randolph National Bank,	65 00	
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				\$302 50
April 28.	Town Appropriation (in part),			600 00
Sept. 29.	Town Appropriation (balance of),			600 00
Oct. 1.	To dividends	Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
		Webster National Bank,	20 00	
		Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
		Shoe & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
		Exchange National Bank,	30 00	
		Boylston National Bank,	25 00	
		Tremont National Bank,	25 00	
		Old Boston National Bank,	25 00	
		Shawmut National Bank,	39 00	
		Randolph National Bank,	65 00	
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				309 00
Dec. 18.	Tax on Bank Stock refunded by State,			208 55
1885.				
Feb. 24.	A donation,			350 00
	Amount received from rental of hall,			156 00

 \$2,526 05

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1884.

	By Balance against the Fund,	\$120 34
April 1.	Paying Nathaniel Noyes, repairs,	3 41
1.	R. W. Turner, insurance,	35 00
1.	J. White Belcher, insurance,	69 75
May 20.	Miss P. W. Bunker, rent of piano,	18 40
June 19.	D. H. Huxford, bill,	19 00
19.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary,	188 16
21.	Colin Boyd, bill,	23 16
July 1.	E. N. Lovering, salary to date,	375 00
Oct. 24.	Edwin M. Mann, wood,	7 75
Nov. 15.	F. F. Smith, charcoal,	4 80
20.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, salary to date,	159 21
20.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, books,	2 25
26.	Colin Boyd, bill,	20 96
Dec. 3.	E. N. Lovering, salary to October 1,	375 00
3.	E. N. Lovering, bill of chemicals, &c.,	28 17
6.	J. White Belcher, insurance of piano,	1 60
15.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	45 50
31.	James E. Nash, repairs on clock,	6 00
1885.		
Jan. 1.	Charles A. Wales, bill,	25 95
27.	F. Porter, bill,	11 30
30.	E. N. Lovering, salary to January 1,	375 00
Mar. 9.	N. H. Tirrell, repairs,	4 50
12.	for stationery,	50
13.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, balance of salary,	202 63
13.	Miss Ada B. Chandler, school supplies,	2 00
13.	E. N. Lovering, balance of salary,	375 00
	Trustees and Secretary, one year,	20 00
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Balance,		\$2,520 34
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		\$2,526 05

C. G. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary, C. G. Hathaway.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1,000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund, the same as reported by the trustees.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

Randolph, March 17, 1885.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1884-85.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D.D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER.

Selectmen of Randolph, ex officiis.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, BENJAMIN DICKERMAN,

DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD,

J. WINSOR PRATT, JOHN B. THAYER, EDWIN N. LOVERING.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the ninth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1884.

TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library,

funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1884, has been \$833.38; for new book-cases, \$126.20; gasoline, \$231.59; fuel, \$157.50; expressing, \$25.58; janitor, \$125.00; insurance, \$131.25; other sundry supplies, \$36.46. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The building and contents are in good condition and no large expense for the present year is anticipated.

FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments, and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1884, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

For the current year the income is estimated as follows:—

From rents,	\$600 00
Interest on town note,	300 00
From Turner fund,	510 00
	————— \$1,410 00

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, Benjamin Dickerman and Edwin N. Lovering), and with very few exceptions the

books were found in the same excellent condition as in former years. The faithful attention of the librarian and his assistant to the duties of their respective positions is fully appreciated by the trustees. It is expected a second supplement to the catalogue will be issued about July 1 of the present year. During the past year a reference "annex" has been fitted up with new book-cases, which now contain about 1400 volumes. The change made in the reading room hours, opening at nine o'clock A.M. instead of three P.M., the librarian states "has proved a move in the right direction. The idea at first of having boys and young men together so many hours without personal supervision was not wholly without objections; but so far as the system has been tried, it is a success."

In speaking of the relation of the library to the public schools, the librarian in his report states: "Never in our history have we been drawing so near together; never as this year have we so felt the thrill of a common life; a unity of effort and sympathy seems to have characterized these two educational agencies as never before. The demands upon the reference department during the last twelve months have been very exhaustive and constant, by the teachers and scholars of our public schools. I think no phase of library usefulness presents so hopeful and encouraging a view as this same critical and systematic reference work; begun in childhood, and properly pursued through and in connection with the present judicious course of public school study, and the time is not far removed in our educational life when the reference department of our public libraries shall be not merely a place for dictionaries, atlases, cyclopædias, and their kindred works, with children as patrons; but when the interest for study and investigation, by wisely directed men-

tal application in school and out, shall ripen in maturer years into a popular and ever-increasing demand for the best, the choicest, and even the costliest works on fine arts, on design, on ornament, on color, on architecture, on mechanics, engineering, &c., and when history, travel, nature, law, poetry and theology (thoroughly classified and beautifully illustrated), shall be as popular with the patrons of the public library, and as earnestly consulted, as are the various cyclopædias which are now deemed so complete."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the librarian for the year 1884:—

Number of days the library was open to the public,	286
Volumes issued during the year,	20,876
Largest daily issue,	265
Average daily issue,	73
Smallest daily issue,	5
Number of volumes added during the year,	303
" of volumes in library January 1, 1885,	8,648

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$762 79
Received rent from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association,	15 00
Received from town of Randolph (dog tax),	380 97
Received from town, interest on note,	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund,	200 00
Received for catalogues and papers sold,	12 15
Received for fines,	43 18
Received from banks for their proportion of heat,	65 63
Received from banks for their proportion of light,	17 82
Received from parish for their proportion of light,	53 44
Received from R. W. Turner and others for their proportion of light,	106 88
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	\$2,557 86

Jan. 1, 1884.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,	\$499 69
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year,	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline,	231 59
Amount paid for fuel,	157 50
Amount paid for insurance,	131 25
Amount paid for printing and postage,	36 00
Amount paid for expressing,	25 58
Amount paid for sundry repairs,	26 40
Amount paid for sundry supplies,	10 06
Amount paid for new book-cases,	126 00
Balance on hand,	688 79
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	\$2,557 86

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, John B. Thayer and Royal T. Mann) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; that a cash balance of \$688 $\frac{79}{100}$ is now in the treasury. We further find that all the appropriations made by the town or otherwise, the rents, the interest and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured, and have at all times during the year exceeded the expenditures of the library. The funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consist of \$5,000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the further sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner fund,' invested as follows:—

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1,000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"No appropriation of money from the town will be required to aid in meeting the current expenses of the ensuing year."

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 10, 1885.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1884.		
Jan. 1,	— Maddan,	Charles and Fanny.
1,	— Paine,	Syria W. and Lucy M. (Jones).
1,	Clara B. Howard,	Henry M. and Elizabeth (Lyons).
2,	Stephen H. Guinan,	Herbert H. and Nellie F. (Curran).
11,	— Kerr,	George and Alice W. (White).
15,	— Poole,	Everett A. and Martha A. (Holbrook).
18,	Elsie B. Fay,	Frank E. and Nellie S. (Ward).
26,	Lois Finley,	John and Anna (Horton).
Feb. 2,	Thomas A. Curran,	John and Elizabeth A. (Lyons).
2,	Charles T. Barrett,	John and Mary E. (Shepard).
4,	Ernest H. Payne,	George A. and Emma (Chessman).
5,	John McNeil,	Philip A. and Anna A. (Nash).
8,	Mary Ann Curran,	Timothy P. and Joanna M. (Sullivan).
19,	William H. Mahoney,	Patrick and Rosanna (Hart).
21,	Lewis E. Delano,	Emery and Jennie R. (Adams).
24,	Francis J. Curran,	Thomas S. and Mary F. (Riley).
24,	Florence D. Sullivan,	Florence and Alice (Brennan).
24,	Nicholas Moore,	Bernard and Hannah (Dooley).
25,	Catharine Rooney,	John P. and Margaret A. (Riley).
28,	— Moore,	John F. and Maggie (Cannon).
29,	Mary F. Barry,	William C. and Mary (Meaney).
March 3,	Cornelius F. Foley,	David J. and Katie F. (Dolan).
4,	Thomas Edward Riley,	Thomas and Bridget (Bohan).
6,	Bessie Lincoln Bryant,	Charles F. and Annie B. (Rullock).
10,	Ethel Bowers Lovering,	Edwin W. and Helen H. (Bowers).
11,	Isabella O'Brien,	James H. and Mary J. (Dooley).
25,	Mary A. Boyle,	John C. and Margaret (Farley).
April 7,	James F. Clark,	James W. and Mary (Bentley).
8,	Francis J. Kelliher,	Dennis E. and Katie (McMahon).
14,	J. mes DeNeil,	David and Etta (Wood).
16,	Philip Green,	Philip and Lillias (Trainor).
17,	Bridget Donohue,	Thomas and Ellen (Mullins).
23,	Bertha M. Paine,	Willie H. and Jennie E. (Burrell).
27,	Esther M. Nightingale,	Andrew C. and Albina C. (Petersen).
May 1,	Mary Farrell,	Gerald H. and Mary C. (Keefe).
8,	Mary Halpin,	James and Honora (McInery).
12,	Chester W. Howard,	Charles F. and Lydia A. (Purrrington).
15,	Alice Brady,	Patrick and Maggie A. (Powers).
22,	Bernard O'Flaherty,	Edward and Kate M. (Roddan).
23,	Katie Honev,	John and Martha (McMullen).
June 1,	Addie M. Deane,	Nelson C. and Agnes E. (Johnston).
4,	Josephine Dunn,	John and Catharine (Green).
22,	Alice E. Taylor,	Franklin and Mary E. (DeNiell).
23,	— Easton,	George and Margaret A. (Shepard).
24,	Cora E. Burrell,	George E. and Susie E. (Jones).
28,	Clara B. Eddy,	Eli and Ella A. (Bridges).
29,	Chester S. Wentworth,	Frank E. and Henrietta (Ela).
29,	— Boynton,	Albert E. and Martha.
July 1,	— Wambolt,	James A. and Sarah Ann (Burt).
3,	Charles A. Belmer,	Charles and Minnie P. (Harriman).
11,	Lydia F. Whalen,	Forrest E. and Ella J. (Igo).
14,	Bertha M. Ainslie,	William H. and Julia A. (Allen).
19,	Lewis Burke,	John L. and Elizabeth A. (Meighan).
21,	— Tirrell,	Augustus L. and Sarah J. (Pool).

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July 27,	John McGarrigle, . . .	Charles and Anna E. (McLaughlan).
27,	James E. Foley, . . .	James E. and Margaret (Barry).
27,	Jane Good, . . .	William and Maria J. (Kelliher).
29,	Ruby Jane Davis, . . .	George A. and Inez H. (Broad).
Aug. 7,	— Howard, . . .	Charles H., Jr., and Georgie M. (Hawes).
9,	— Maguire, . . .	Martin and Anna E. (Devine).
10,	Katie McMahon, . . .	Peter and Kate (Bracken).
18,	David McGaughey, . . .	David P. and Catharine E. (Powers).
20,	John R. Ford, . . .	Michael and Maggie M. (Rooney).
21,	Augusta B. Mahady, . . .	William and Ellen M. (Wigmore).
22,	Herman G. Holbrook, . . .	Enos and Sarah M. (Burrell).
22,	— Clark, . . .	Benjamin L. and Lucy A. (Myers).
23,	Alice F. Barry, . . .	Thomas D. and Frances M. (Hogan).
24,	Arthur Neary, . . .	James E. and Ansie (DeNeil).
28,	— Hall, . . .	John S. and Rosa L. (Beal).
Sept. 5,	— Uniac, . . .	Richard and Eliza (Cahill).
5,	Alice Riley, . . .	Francis and Mary A. (Purcell).
13,	Daniel T. Riley, . . .	John and Mary A. (Dummary).
19,	Mary Foley, . . .	James and Mary (O'Brien).
19,	Fanny Campbell, . . .	George and Fanny (Coonts).
22,	— Dec, . . .	Thomas and Elizabeth (Lymas).
28,	Mary Welch, . . .	John B. and Mary E. (Dwyer).
Oct. 1,	Mary Morgan, . . .	John and Sarah J. (Kelly).
1,	— Johnson, . . .	George M. and Hannah C. (Burrell).
20,	Catharine Sutton, . . .	John H. and Mary E. (McDonald).
30,	Isabella Pope, . . .	David and Elizabeth (Dennehy).
Nov. 9,	John J. Heney, . . .	Charles and Mary J. (Welsh).
16,	Margaret Kinnier, . . .	Patrick and Joanna C. (Burke).
18,	Matthew Smith, . . .	Matthew and Catharine V. (Riley).
19,	— Young, . . .	Charles E. and Minnie (Knight).
21,	— Kelliher, . . .	John C. and Catharine (Barrett).
22,	Alice Crosby, . . .	John and Mary A. (Kelliher).
Dec. 9,	Margaret Brady, . . .	James and Margaret (Cahill).
25,	Cora A. Holbrook, . . .	Morton and Malinda C. (Hollis).
1881.		
Dec. 4,	Lena R. Thayer, . . .	Seth Austin and Abby A. (Bowman).

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1884.			
Jan. 1,	Alton Barr,	Spencer,	23
	Nettie Jane Belcher,	Randolph,	19
4,	George Albert Davis,	Stoughton,	24
	Inez Broad,	Randolph,	20
9,	Charles H. Howard, Jr.,	Randolph,	31
	Georgie M. Hawes,	"	26
10,	Fred Ellsworth Whalen,	Randolph,	25
	Helen Josephine Igo,	"	26
17,	Richard Forrest, Jr.,	Randolph,	34
	Mary E. Kane,	"	28
Feb. 18,	Willie Herbert Paine,	Randolph,	19
	Jennie E. Burrell,	"	19
March 2,	Herbert Lawrence White,	Randolph,	25
	Frances A. Mansfield,	Braintree,	24
April 7,	John F. McKay,	Randolph,	25
	Alice Flood,	Boston,	22
24,	John B. Flynn, Jr.,	Stoughton,	24
	Mary A. Murphy,	"	24
24,	Gerald H. Farrell,	Randolph,	18
	Mary C. Keefe,	"	21
26,	Frank Elmer Wentworth,	Randolph,	19
	Henrietta Ela,	"	19
May 1,	George B. Fuller,	Stoughton,	29
	Lena J. Morton,	"	21
8,	George E. Morse,	Stoughton,	21
	Mary Isabell Graham,	"	22
18,	Alton Howard Mann,	Randolph,	26
	Josie Williams,	Braintree,	24
18,	William A. Abbott,	Randolph,	18
	Alice M. Hayward,	"	22
20,	Anthony Laroche, Jr.,	Brockton,	30
	Flora E. Sasfield,	"	23
31,	William Fletcher,	Randolph,	25
	Maggie Finley,	Chelsea,	24
June 10,	Charles Elmore Young,	Randolph,	23
	Minnie Knight,	"	21
17,	James J. Long,	Taunton,	25
	Mary G. Mahoney,	Randolph,	25
26,	Francis C. Paine,	Randolph,	27
	Alice C. Clark,	"	20

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
July	15, Thomas A. Kennedy,	Randolph,	23
	Mary J. Gibbons,	"	23
	17, Ernest J. Littlehale,	Boston,	30
	Lucy B. McCarty,	Randolph,	21
	20, Jeremiah J. Hickey,	Holbrook,	25
	Anna A. Sheridan,	Randolph,	25
	24, Daniel F. Flynn,	Randolph,	24
	Mary J. Campbell,	"	26
Aug.	17, Daniel Austin Elliott, Jr.,	Randolph,	27
	Jennie Isabel McGaw,	Braintree,	18
Sept.	6, Walter C. Wood,	Stoughton,	22
	Cora B. Howard,	Randolph,	18
	28, James J. Feeley,	Stoughton,	29
	Catharine J. McNiff,	Holbrook,	24
	28, Charles Henry Rice,	Randolph,	22
	Mabel Alice Thayer,	"	18
	29, John T. Dolan,	Stoughton,	24
	Catharine Connelly,	"	25
Oct.	2, Samuel A. Capen,	Randolph,	48
	S. Augusta Fales (Bass),	West Randolph, Vt.,	40
	15, John Jennings Crawford,	Pittsburg, Pa.,	28
	Ellen Josephine Turner,	Randolph,	24
	17, Matt Smith,	Randolph,	22
	Catharine Riley,	"	18
	19, Edward White,	Quincy,	22
	Mary Meaney,	Randolph,	22
Nov.	21, Patrick J. Sullivan,	Randolph,	24
	Mary E. Brennan,	"	25
	20, John J. Maddigan,	Randolph,	37
	Mary E. Hand,	"	39
	25, Henry F. Swan,	Providence, R.I.,	29
	Josie L. Graves,	Randolph,	30
	27, Henry J. O'Harra,	Stoughton,	27
	Nellie E. Mackadon,	Randolph,	23
	27, Daniel E. McCue,	Randolph,	25
	Ellen M. Cunningham,	"	26
	27, Albert E. Jones,	Canton,	23
	Edith A. Leach,	Randolph,	23
	27, Selwyn Wilbur,	Randolph,	38
	Mary Agnes Sullivan,	"	28
Dec.	20, George A. Faunce,	Randolph,	31
	Ida V. Clark,	"	32
	23, Joseph Lawlor,	Randolph,	23
	Nellie Downey,	"	25
	25, Granville Raymond,	Stoughton,	36
	Emma Florence Mann,	Randolph,	28

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1884.					
Jan. 1,	Caleb Tucker,	59	3	27	Heart Disease.
9,	John Long,	70		7	Congestion of Lungs.
10,	James W. S. Campbell,	2	5	11	Pneumonia.
15,	— Poole,				Stillborn.
16,	Eliza A. Belcher (Williams),	40	7	28	Heart Disease.
26,	Michael Desmond,	92	4		Old Age.
Feb. 5,	Charles F. Sheridan,	2	6	10	Diphtheria.
11,	Betsey Littlefield (Hayden),	67	10	18	Pleuritis.
14,	Rachel Wilson (Thayer),	61	10		Chronic Rheumatism.
16,	Helena F. Shay,	24		2	Laryngeal Phthisis.
28,	Peter Brophy,	70			Broken Leg.
March. 6,	Ann Farrell,	62	1	15	Bronchitis.
8,	Simeon Linfield,	75	8	13	Renal Calculus.
11,	Eugene T. Walsh,		2	22	Congestive Pneumonia.
16,	Georgianna Jones (Newell),	38	11	23	Cancer in Bowels.
23,	R. Lavinia French (Mann),	42	11	15	Pneumonia.
24,	Ann McCosety,	72			Inflammation of Lungs.
April 18,	John Whalen,	36	8	1	Consumption.
19,	Lydia Ring (Freeman),	79	1	20	Inanition.
22,	James Wood,	57	3	13	Bright's Disease.
26,	Susie E. C. Allen,	1	3	23	Tubercular Meningitis.
May 1,	John J. McAuliffe,	25	2	6	Acute Meningitis.
5,	James Donovan,	85			Cerebral Hemorrhage.
5,	Charles Tileston,	74	2	15	Malignant Tumor.
5,	George Raymond,	82	10	26	Cystitis. Old Age.
10,	James Kinsley,	46	8		Suicide.
12,	Esther M. Nightingale,			15	Spina Bifida.
22,	— Haney,				Stillborn.
25,	Philip Riley,	74			Posterior Spinal Sclorosis.
June 2,	Seth Turner King,	60	8		Phthisis.
9,	Lemuel Wentworth,	75	9	14	Bright's Disease.
4,	John Francis Curran,	4	10	11	Malignant Diphtheria.
8,	Catharine Curran,	3	1	16	Malignant Diphtheria.
15,	Isabella Curran,	7	5	18	Malignant Diphtheria.
17,	Francis Myers,	69	2		Phthisis.
24,	— Easton,			1	Premature Birth.
July 2,	Catharine Brady Donohue,	73	7	27	Paralysis of Heart.
3,	John Hove,	76			Chronic Bronchitis.
5,	Edward Foley,	56	6	1	Apoplexy.
13,	Theodore S. Alden,	41	3	11	Drowned.
14,	Bertha C. Vaughan,	1		25	Enlargement of Glands of Stomach.
21,	Jonathan Wales,	34	0	17	Typhoid Fever.
27,	Levi L. Holbrook,	53	10	11	Epilepsy. Insane.
Aug. 12,	Julia L. Holbrook,	23	7	14	Potts' Disease.
25,	Anna M. Odell (Mann),	68	4	16	Maxillary Abscess.
11,	Ellen Sullivan (Leonard),	68			Introsusception.
Sept. 8,	Ellen Manix,	24			Consumption.
8,	Thomas F. Lynch,	37	5		Phthisis.
13,	— Tirrell,	1		23	Infantile.
25,	— Howard,	1		18	Infantile.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Oct. 4,	Margaret Troy,	85			Bilious Fever.
17,	Francis Holbrook,	42	8	3	Cancer.
25,	Sarah B. Packard (Tolman),	58	11	25	Nervous Prostration.
25,	John Pureell,	80	3	24	Old Age.
27,	Frank C. Perkins,	5	5	24	Croupal Diphtheria.
29,	Lawrence McGrath,	57			Acute Parenchymatous Nephritis.
30,	Amasa Clark,	80	6	2	Pneumonia.
Nov. 1,	George E. Maguire,	47			Gastritis.
3,	Elizabeth Dwyer (Flynn),	69			Cancer Stomach.
6,	Levi Frank Thayer,	55	1		Nervous Prostration.
7,	John R. Ford,	2	2	7	Sudden Cold.
9,	Arthur A. McMahon,	3	2	14	Inflammation of Brain.
10,	Catharine McMahon,	3			Consumption.
13,	Delida Basigalupo,	1	2		Pneumonia.
14,	Frederick G. Wright,	3	3		Scarlet Fever.
25,	Mary D. Alden,	75	7	25	Congestion of Lungs.
26,	Mary C. Alden,	42			Rupture of Blood Vessel in Brain.
26,	Alfreda R. Thayer,	51	6	21	Heart Complaint.
26,	James T. Riley,	41			Double Pneumonia.
30,	Ellen J. Fitzgerald,	16	7	20	Phthisis.
30,	Mary Gaynor,	67			General Debility.
Dec. 8,	Matthew Smith,			20	General Debility.
12,	Ada F. Bump (Otis),	28	4	2	Pulmonary Phthisis.
12,	Harriet Belcher (Belcher),	71	7		Old Age.
18,	Timothy Manix,	2	3		Meningitis.
18,	Ann Bracken,	48	6		Paralysis Agitans.
27,	Annie Whalen,	8	2	5	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
28,	Neillie Foley,	12	3	14	Morbus Cordis.
30,	Walter Cartwright,	70	4		Apoplexy. Paralysis.

RANDOLPH, January 1, 1885.

Any persons seeing any error in the record of Births, Marriages and Deaths will please notify the Town Clerk, and have the same corrected.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said
County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also one trustee for Stetson School Fund, for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be thought proper for repairs of school buildings, and incidental expenses of schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding five hundred dollars, to remove a portion of a rock in the highway near the residence of Samuel W. Willard.

ART. 9. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 10. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a sidewalk on the westerly side of Howard Street, as petitioned for by William Sheppard and fourteen others; also on petition of William Cunningham and others for building a sidewalk on the northerly side of said Howard street, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to paying a bounty of one hundred dollars each to Nelson E. Knight and James L. Curtis, who served during the late war as a part of the quota of Randolph, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 16. To see if the town will make an appropriation

for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post 110, G.A.R.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take upon the report of the joint committee of the several towns of Quincy, Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook, in regard to the expediency of publishing the records of the original town of Braintree, and raise and appropriate money to defray the expense of the same.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1885.

ART. 23. To see if the town will permit the Brockton Horse Railroad company, or any other company, to extend the track for a horse railroad from the East Stoughton line (the terminus of the Brockton railroad), to Canton street, near the residence of A. J. Towns, as petitioned for by F. Porter and others.

ART. 24. To hear and act on the report of any committee, and to chose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by publishing the same in the NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTER AND HOLBROOK NEWS, a newspaper published in said Randolph.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this twenty-fourth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: THOMAS FARRELL,
Constable of Randolph.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1885-6.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER. RUFUS A. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

THOMAS DOLAN	Term expires April 1, 1886.
JOHN B. WREN	" " " 1, 1887.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " " 1, 1888.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

DANIEL HOWARD	Term expires April 1, 1886.
WINSLOW BATTLES	" " " 1, 1887.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " " 1, 1888.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY. ELISHA MANN, JR.
CHARLES F. McMAHON.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	HENRY H. SHEDD.
FRANK J. DONOHUE.	MICHAEL STANTON.
E. LAWRENCE PAINE.	ADAM F. JONES.

JOHN P. ROONEY.

Tax Collector.

FRANK N. DEANE.

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM MANN. ADAM F. JONES. AUGUSTUS J. TOWNS.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.	J. WHITE BELCHER.*
HIRAM C. ALDEN.	GEORGE W. WALES.

GEORGE H. WILKINS.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*. WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.
JOHN HANEY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

CALVIN SANFORD.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

WILLIAM W. HURLEY, of Randolph. HENRY FITZPATRICK, of
Stoughton.

*Resigned.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

To the Inhabitants of Randolph:

The fiftieth annual report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor is herewith presented for your consideration.

At the last annual meeting, the sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated for the reduction of the town debt. The debt has been reduced during the past year (as per treasurer's report) about two thousand dollars. The amount expended on account of water supply, for which no appropriation was made, and damage to the streets by the late freshet, amounting to nearly one thousand dollars, are the principal causes why the debt has not been further reduced.

HIGHWAYS.

The repairs of highways during the past year have been under the direction of district surveyors elected at the last annual meeting. The amount expended in excess of the appropriation was caused largely by heavy rains during the summer, which washed the streets badly, and by the recent freshet, causing extra repairs costing nearly four hundred dollars, which amount is very small when compared with the expense incurred by the surrounding towns.

SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Considering the wretched and almost impassable condition of Warren street, from Main street to the depot, during the

early spring, we decided to devote a large share of the appropriation for special repairs to its improvement, and have excavated and filled with stone the bed of the street, improved drains, and paved the gutter on the south side. This work has cost about seven hundred dollars, and, we believe, is an improvement very generally appreciated by our citizens, and we would recommend a similar treatment for Depot street (leading from Main to Warren streets) which we think may be done at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars.

SIDEWALKS.

Sidewalks have been built on Howard and School streets, at a cost not exceeding the appropriation for the purpose.

PAVING.

The appropriation for this purpose was used in paving gutters on Union, Short and Main streets. This work tends to protect the streets from washing, and we are sure is money well expended.

REMOVING LEDGE.

In removing the ledge near the residence of S. W. Willard, it was decided that the use of a steam drill would be the most economical method of operation, and Mr. Pike, who was in charge, employed T. B. Hadley, a man of large experience with this kind of work. The ledge has been thoroughly broken and a portion removed, considerably increasing the width of the street at that point. We consider the stone thus secured worth a large share of the amount expended, and we would recommend that they be retained for future use of the town.

GUIDE POSTS.

Guide posts have been erected and maintained within the town in accordance with chapter 53 of the Public Statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,000 00
Stetson high school,	1,500 00
repairs of highways,	2,700 00
removing rock in highway, North street	500 00
general town expenses,	12,700 00
enlarging almshouse,	1,000 00
reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
sidewalk, Howard street,	250 00
Fire Department,	1,980 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Braintree records,	450 00
medical attendance on the poor,	350 00
County tax,	1,545 29
State tax,	2,175 00
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Total,	\$36,250 29

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1, 1885.

Real estate,	\$1,465,450 00
Personal estate,	532,750 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the state,	232,806 00

Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed

by the state,	\$207,947 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,438,953 00</u>

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1885, \$14.00 on \$1000.

Number of polls May 1, 1885,	1,155
of dwellings May 1, 1885,	789 $\frac{1}{2}$
of horses May 1, 1885,	324
of cows May 1, 1885,	192
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1885,	5,906 $\frac{2}{3}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1886.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$12,000 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
One hook and ladder carriage and apparatus,	1,200 00
Two steam fire engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,150 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	500 00
Twenty acres of land, Upham lot,	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6,	1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares in the Randolph National Bank,	1,440 00

Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value,	1,000 00
Turner free library,	5,000 00
Turner free library, building and land,	40,000 00
Turner free library fund,	5,000 00
Turner fund,	10,000 00
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Total	\$154,090 00

EXPENDITURES.

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$36,567.45 :

On account of schools,	\$8,917 22
of Stetson high school,	1,500 00
of highways,	3,221 31
of removing snow,	281 67
of sidewalk, Howard street,	199 14
of paving,	224 88
of ledge near Willard's,	524 39
of town officers,	1,979 24
of state aid,	1,556 00
of military aid,	1,428 10
of decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
of abatement of taxes,	412 90
of funeral expenses,	215 00
of fire department,	1,925 57
of soldiers' bounty,	200 00
of miscellaneous expenses,	1,668 39
of poor in almshouse,	2,936 96
of poor out of almshouse,	3,521 98
of poor of Randolph and Holbrook,	1,114 88

On account of poor of other towns, . . .	\$1,655 91
of state paupers and tramps, . . .	155 44
of water supply, . . .	1,118 00
of almshouse addition, . . .	1,710 47
Total,	<u>\$36,567 45</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures
For schools,	\$8,000 00	} \$8,917 22
Income from other sources, . . .	763 04	
Stetson high school, . . .	1,500 00	1,500 00
Poor out of almshouse,		
state paupers and tramps, . . .	4,350 00	*3,813 31
Poor in almshouse, . . .	2,300 00	*1,755 99
Poor belonging to Ran-		
dolph and Holbrook, . . .	800 00	*743 25
Poor of other towns, . . .		†1,655 91
Repairs of highways, . . .	1,500 00	2,103 71
Special repairs highways, . . .	800 00	†783 05
Removing snow, . . .	200 00	281 67
Paving,	200 00	224 88
Removing ledge, . . .	500 00	524 39
Sidewalk, Howard street, . . .	250 00	199 14
Town officers,	2,000 00	1,979 24
Miscellaneous expenses, . . .	1,500 00	1,668 39
Fire department, . . .	1,980 00	1,925 50
State aid,		†1,556 00
Military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ from state, . . .	800 00	714 05
Abatement of taxes, . . .		412 90
Decoration of soldiers'		
graves,	100 00	100 00

* Net receipts.

† To be refunded.

† Less receipts.

Funeral expenses, . . .		\$215 00
Soldiers' bounty, . . .	\$200 00	*133 33
Almshouse addition, . . .	1,000 00	1,710 47
Water supply, . . .		*598 50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—ISAAC N. LINFIELD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$90 55
Isaac N. Linfield, for single team, 24 days,	84 00
Thomas Good, for single team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	8 75
Town team, for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 88
James Blythe, for labor, 13 days,	22 78
Thomas Ward, for labor, 6 days,	10 51
Matthew Graham, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	8 13
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 13
Thomas Duff, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 88
William C. Barry, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Thomas Mulligan, for labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days,	3 15
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
John Callihan, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
James Dennehy, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Charles F. Adams, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 13
Frederick Bodwell, for labor,	50
Ebenezer Alden, for 90 loads of gravel,	6 30
Warren street, for 38 loads of gravel,	3 80

* Net receipts.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others, for repairing washouts,	\$24 50
Total,	<u>\$301 49</u>

DISTRICT NO. 3. — JAMES RILEY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$60 37
James Riley, for single team 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, .	44 62
Royal T. Mann, for single team, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	15 75
Charles H. Mann, for single team, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	12 25
Royal T. Mann, for double team, 1 day, .	5 00
Thomas Johnson, for labor, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{9}{10}$ days, .	34 90
Andrew Tracy, for labor, 4 days, . .	7 00
Patrick Barry, for labor, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	11 37
Charles F. Bean, for labor, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	4 37
Joseph Donovan, for labor, 2 days, . .	3 50
John A. Mann, for labor, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	6 12
Patrick Clark, for labor, 2 days, . .	2 00
Joseph Riley, for labor, 2 days, . .	1 50
Florence Sullivan, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	9 62
Ebenezer Holbrook, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	9 62
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 5 days, . .	8 75
Maurice E. Scanlon, for labor, 3 days, .	5 25
Charles H. Mann, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
James Riley, for labor, 1 day, . .	1 75
Amasa S. Niles, for 73 loads of gravel, .	5 14
Joshua Hunt, for 68 loads of gravel, .	5 03
John P. Campion, 31 loads of gravel, .	2 20
F. H. Langley, sharpening tools, . .	60
James Riley and others, for repairing washouts,	156 13
Total,	<u>\$416 34</u>

DISTRICT NO. 5. — MARTIN L. EDDY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$10 06
Manus Gallagher, for single team, 6 days, .	21 00
Lincoln Stetson, for single team, $3\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	11 55
Francis E. Stetson, for single team, $6\frac{11}{10}$ days,	13 50
Michael Lee, for single team, 2 days, . .	7 00
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $17\frac{9}{10}$ days, . .	30 54
Charles Bump, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	6 12
John Devine, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	6 12
Whitman Stetson, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	6 12
Alva M. Nightingale, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days .	9 62
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Paul T. Clark, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Manus Gallagher, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Jedediah French, for labor, $2\frac{9}{10}$ days, . .	5 07
Martin L. Eddy, for 3 loads of gravel, . .	18
Charles A. Hayden, for 25 loads of gravel, .	1 50
Mrs. Amasa Clark, for 174 loads of gravel, .	13 92
Martin L. Eddy and others, for repairing wash- outs,	67 78
Total,	<u>\$218 83</u>

DISTRICT NO. 6. — JAMES KEENAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$80 50
James Keenan, for single team, 9 days, .	31 50
Michael Ford, for single team, 2 days, . .	7 00
James Keenan, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Michael Ford, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Michael Laghan, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Patrick McMahon, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75

Paid Jamas Barry, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$4 38
Patrick Barry, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
James Sutton, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
John Manning, for 45 loads of gravel,	2 25
Michael Ford, for 51 loads of gravel,	2 55
James Keenan and others, for repairing wash- outs,	32 14
Total,	<u>\$183 07</u>

DISTRICT NO. 7. — THOMAS GOOD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Thomas Good, for single team, $13\frac{3}{4}$ days,	\$48 11
Town team, for $6\frac{7}{10}$ days,	10 74
Thomas Good, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	9 97
Matthew Graham, for labor, $7\frac{3}{10}$ days,	12 77
Patrick Bohan, for labor, $13\frac{3}{10}$ days,	23 26
William Cunningham, for labor, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days,	5 68
Thomas Whalen, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 63
J. O'Connors, for labor, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days,	4 25
C. Perry, for labor, 1 day,	50
D. Good, for labor, 1 day,	50
J. Barry, for labor, 1 day,	50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
John Moore, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
John Callahan, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
George W. Pierce, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 50
Martin P. Pike, for labor, 1 day,	2 00
Francis Smith, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Robert Uniack, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
D. McCarthy, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Thomas Duff, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 00

Paid Michael Lee, for labor, 3½ days, . . .	\$5 25
James Dannehy, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 37
Thomas Mulligan, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Daniel A. Elliott, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
George B. Dench, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 74
Warren street, for gravel, . . .	9 60
E. M. Roel, estate for gravel, . . .	1 68
Charles A. Wales, for 102 loads of gravel, .	7 62
Thomas Good and others, repairing wash- outs,	40 33
Total,	<hr/> \$224 49

DISTRICT NO. 8. — ADAM F. JONES, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$30 19
Adam F. Jones, for single team, 12½ days, .	42 00
John Meaney, for single team, 5 days, . .	16 50
Town team, for 15½ days, . . .	27 12
Adam F. Jones, for horse and cart, 1 day, .	1 50
Elbridge Jones, for labor, 3 days, . . .	4 50
Owen Cox, for labor, 9½ days, . . .	16 00
Anthony Abbenzeller, for labor, 3½ days, .	5 25
P. McGrane, for labor, 1½ days, . . .	2 25
John McGrane, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Heany, for labor, 1½ days, . . .	2 25
Thomas Riley, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 00
Richard Meany, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 00
Patrick Meany, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 50
David A. Hearn, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
William C. Barry, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75

Paid Frank Sutton, for labor, 3 days, . . .	\$5 25
James Blythe, for labor, 5½ days, . . .	9 63
Patrick Manning, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Adam F. Jones, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 11 days, . . .	19 25
John Desmond, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Thomas Duff, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 37
Matthew Graham, for labor, 12½ days, . . .	21 87
Frederick Miller, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Thomas Ward, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Charles Adams, for labor, 6 days, . . .	10 50
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Martin P. Pike, for labor, $\frac{3}{8}$ day . . .	1 05
Seth Mann, 2d, for 3 loads of gravel, . . .	30
Charles A. Wales, for 83 loads of gravel, . . .	8 30
Thomas F. Lynch, estate, for 5 loads of gravel,	50
Ebenezer Alden, for 112 loads of gravel . . .	11 20
Warren street, for gravel and team work . . .	119 00
Adam F. Jones, for removing wall, . . .	4 50
J. F. Porter, for use of screen, . . .	1 00
Adam F. Jones, for bridge stone, . . .	2 00
Adam F. Jones, for supplies, . . .	1 25
Matthew Graham and others, for repairing washouts,	49 79
Total,	<hr/> \$478 07

DISTRICT NO. 10.—MARTIN P. PIKE, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$52 93
Josiah Clark, for team,	5 50

Paid town team, for labor, 8 days, . . .	\$14 00
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $9\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	17 12
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
M. P. Pike, for labor, 9 days, . . .	18 00
Matthew Graham, for labor, 10 days, . . .	17 50
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Mason Lovering, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Thomas Duff, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Aaron Prescott, for 107 loads of gravel, . .	10 70
J. Clark, for sand,	75
Warren street, for gravel and team work, .	70 75
Martin P. Pike and others, repairing wash- outs,	21 42
Total,	<hr/> \$281 42

HIGHWAYS, SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Paid town team, for labor, $69\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	\$121 94
Thomas Good, for single team, 3 days, . . .	10 50
Adam F. Jones, for single team, 3 days, . .	10 50
Martin F. Smith, for horse and cart, 7 days,	12 25
R. T. Mann, for team,	10 50
R. A. Thayer, for team,	4 00
Manus Gallagher, for team,	1 75
Matthew Graham, for labor, $47\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	94 52
Thomas Duff, for labor, $42\frac{6}{10}$ days, . . .	74 55
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $20\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	36 40
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $43\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	76 12
John Desmond, for labor, $33\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	58 10

Paid William C. Barry, for labor, $40\frac{2}{5}$ days,	\$70 70
Lewis Jones, for labor, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days,	42 87
Patrick Bohan, for labor, $30\frac{1}{2}$ days,	53 37
John Callahan, for labor, $33\frac{4}{5}$ days,	59 15
Robert McAuliffe, for labor, $7\frac{3}{10}$ days,	12 77
Martin P. Pike, for labor, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	9 40
Thomas Mulligan, for labor, 5 days,	8 75
B. O'Mahoney, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
David A'Hearn, for labor, 8 days,	14 00
William Shields, for labor, 4 days,	7 00
James Blythe, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 87
Cornelius A'Hearn, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
James Dannehy, for labor, $20\frac{1}{2}$ days,	35 87
Patrick Barry, for labor, $11\frac{4}{5}$ days,	20 65
John Dunn, for labor, $8\frac{4}{5}$ days,	15 40
John O'Keefe, for labor, $10\frac{1}{5}$ days,	17 85
John Moore, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 38
John B. Thayer, for labor, $16\frac{1}{2}$ days,	33 00
David Irving, for labor, 8 days,	14 00
James Sutton, for labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days,	5 60
James Barry, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Owen Cox, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Emory Delano, Jr., for labor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
Patrick Welch, for labor, $2\frac{2}{5}$ days,	4 20
Patrick Meighan, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Joseph Crosby, for labor, $\frac{7}{10}$ day,	1 22
William Cunningham, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
Martin F. Smith, for labor, $\frac{1}{5}$ day,	35
G. D. Goodrich & Co., for drain tile,	11 20
William Ryan, for lighting street,	4 50
John Desmond for stone,	50

Paid Daniel Kelliher, for bridge stone, . . .	\$ 60
Patrick Bohan, for stone, . . .	8 88
James Keenan, for carting stone, . . .	24 15
Josiah Clark, for carting stone, . . .	17 35
Thomas Good, for carting stone, . . .	4 20
Manus Gallagher, for carting stone, . . .	8 40
Adam F. Jones, for bridge stone, . . .	1 50
Michael Ford, for 38 loads of gravel, . . .	3 80
Charles Belcher, for 100 loads of gravel, . . .	10 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for 13 loads of gravel, . . .	1 30
Charles A. Wales, for eight loads of gravel, . . .	80
Ebenezer Alden, for gravel, . . .	2 17
Samuel Howard, for sand, . . .	25
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber, . . .	16 68
M. P. Pike, for railing street, . . .	10 10
F. H. Langley, for labor and material, . . .	16 00
M. M. Alden, for labor, . . .	5 45
R. A. Thayer, for guide posts and labor, . . .	1 00

Total,	<u>\$1,117 60</u>
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By cash paid treasurer for gravel sold from War-	
ren street,	334 55
Net cost,	<u>\$783 05</u>

PAVING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Payson & Co., for paving, . . .	\$48 00
Waldo S. Page, for paving, . . .	31 50
Town team, for labor, 12 days, . . .	21 00
Martin F. Smith, for single team, $\frac{1}{5}$ day, . . .	70

Paid Matthew Graham, for labor, 9 days, . . .	\$18 00
John B. Thayer, for labor, 5 days, . . .	10 00
John Whalin, for labor, 9 days, . . .	15 75
John Desmond, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 6 days, . . .	10 50
Frederick Miller, for labor, 6½ days, . . .	11 37
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
John Flynn, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 37
John Callahan, for labor, ½ day, . . .	87
Thomas Riley, for labor, ½ day, . . .	87
John B. Thayer, for lighting street, . . .	50
Thomas Whalin, for stone, . . .	3 60
Moses C. Beal, estate, for stone, . . .	2 50
Sarah B. Alden, for stone, . . .	1 00
Martin P. Pike, for stone, . . .	7 60
Charles A. Wales, for gravel, . . .	3 30
T. Fardy & Son, for sharpening tools, . . .	20
Total,	<hr/> \$224 88

SIDEWALK, HOWARD STREET.

Paid Thomas Good, for single team, 2 days, . . .	\$7 00
Town team, for labor, 3½ days, . . .	6 12
Matthew Graham, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 37
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 7 days, . . .	12 25
Martin P. Pike, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
John O'Keefe, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John Desmond, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25

Paid Thomas Riley, for labor, 1 day, . . .	\$1 75
John Callihan, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Nicholas Moore, for bridge stone, . . .	1 00
Warren street, for gravel and team work, .	129 40
Total,	<u>\$199 14</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Elbridge Jones and others, . . .	\$2 50
Thomas Good and others, . . .	62 50
R. T. Mann and others, . . .	44 85
M. P. Pike and others, . . .	4 80
James Riley and others, . . .	51 25
James Keenan and others, . . .	29 85
Matthew Graham and others, . . .	22 55
Thomas Whalin and others . . .	20 80
Martin L. Eddy and others, . . .	32 57
Adam F. Jones and others, . . .	10 00
Total,	<u>\$281 67</u>

WATER SUPPLY.

Paid M. M. Tidd, for services as engineer, .	\$662 60
H. A. French, for meals for engineers, .	14 50
Gaston & Whitney, for professional services,	350 00
Daniel H. Huxford, for printing 1200 water reports,	75 00
James M. Jones, for labor, . . .	10 00
R. A. Thayer, for team and expenses, .	3 90
A. J. Gove, for carriage hire, . . .	2 00
	<u>\$1,118 00</u>

Refunded by the town of Holbrook, . . .	\$519 50
Total paid by town of Randolph, . . .	<u>\$598 50</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Royal T. Mann,	\$400 00
John B. Thayer,	300 00
Rufus A. Thayer,	300 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Thomas Dolan,	120 00
John B. Wren,	100 00
Thaddeus T. Cushman,	100 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John T. Flood,	50 00
Hiram C. Alden,	75 00
J. White Belcher,	50 00
George W. Wales,	50 00
Town auditors for the year ending March 1, 1885,	10 00
Engineers of fire department, for services and extra time to May 1, 1885,	93 61

COLLECTING TAXES.

Paid E. M. Roel estate, collecting taxes, 1884, .	276 63
Frank N. Deane, collecting taxes, 1884, .	54 00
Total,	<u>\$1,979 24</u>

SOLDIERS' BOUNTY.

Paid Nelson E. Knight as per vote,	\$100 00
Lucinda Curtis as per vote,	100 00
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	\$200 00
Refunded by the town of Holbrook,	66 67
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Total	\$133 33

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110, G.A.R.,	\$100 00
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Total,	\$100 00

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account state),	\$1,556 00
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Total,	\$1,556 00

MILITARY AID (ch. 30, sec. 10).

Paid sundry persons (as per account state), . .	\$1,428 10
One half paid by the state,	714 05
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Total paid by the town,	\$714 05

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for the year 1884, . . .	\$246 80
Frank N. Deane, for the year 1884,	166 10
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Total,	\$412 90

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 68 funerals, . .	\$215 00
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Total,	\$215 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see engineer's report),	\$1,925 57
Total,	<u>\$1,925 57</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town reports,	\$240 80
Daniel H. Huxford, printing warrants, jurors' lists and advertising,	142 50
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	150 86
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	91 25
Royal W. Turner, for insurance,	45 00
Constables, for services July 3 and 4,	52 50
Howard House, entertaining town officers,	27 75
Thomas Farrell, for special services,	70 00
E. Lawrence Payne, for special services,	65 50
Frank J. Donohue, for special services,	22 25
Samuel A. Foster, for special services,	12 50
Hiram Snow, for special services,	20 50
Colin Boyd, for care of selectmen's rooms,	25 00
Louisa Hodsdon, for injury on highway,	60 00
Richard F. Keith, for injury on highway,	75 00
Expenses on Winslow case,	39 26
Gaston & Whitney, for professional services,	100 00
Jabez Talbot, for writing deed,	2 00
Josiah T. King, for labor,	2 00
Thomas Farrell, for serving warrants,	37 00
Colin Boyd, care and lighting hall, town meetings,	30 00

Paid E. M. Mann, for wood and labor, . . .	\$27 12
Chas. K. Darling, for assessors' and tax books, . . .	6 50
Charles K. Darling, for stationery, . . .	8 97
E. A. Perry, for labor and merchandise, . . .	11 10
A. B. Bartlett, for merchandise, . . .	50
Henry Campbell, for varnishing hearse, . . .	15 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	21 44
Town of Stoughton, for taxes, Upham lot, . . .	7 32
John T. Flood, for services as moderator, . . .	10 00
Wales Brothers, for labor and merchandise, . . .	17 00
Samuel L. Chessman, for lamp, . . .	4 00
George W. Pollock, for labor and mdse., . . .	4 00
E. A. Allen, for advertising, . . .	11 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse., . . .	15 55
Robert S. Jones, for book binding, . . .	6 25
Colin Boyd, care of lawn and posting no- tices,	16 50
A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . .	16 44
John H. Field, for box and postage, . . .	4 64
Board of health, for services, . . .	60 00
T. T. Cushman, for examining nuisances, . . .	10 00
Mann, Thayer & Thayer, for expenses, to Boston, Quincy, Taunton and other towns,	83 39
Total,	<u>\$1,668 39</u>

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have endeavored, while in the discharge of our duties as overseers of the poor during the past year, to inform ourselves, so far as possible, as to the actual condition of all applicants for public charity. And while trying to properly relieve all worthy cases, to also do justice to the claims of the professional beggar.

Mr. Calvin Sanford and wife, for the previous twelve years superintendent and matron of the almshouse at Milton, and who came very highly recommended, have had charge of the almshouse and town farm since May 1, when the resignation of Mr. Pike took effect.

We are satisfied that their former experience has been of much use to them in the discharge of their duties, and has materially served the interests of the town. Mr. Sanford was engaged at a salary of four hundred dollars per year, with the understanding that he was to devote his entire time to the almshouse and farm, and the latter has been much improved under his care, and large quantities of vegetables have been raised. Mrs. Sanford, in our opinion, is a superior woman for the position which she occupies as matron. The former neat and well-kept appearance of the house has been maintained, and the inmates properly cared for.

The town teams have been employed on repairs of streets as usual, and during the past season have earned the sum of \$357.71, besides doing a large amount of work on the farm.

ADDITION TO ALMSHOUSE.

The contract for the new addition to the almshouse was awarded to H. H. Francis, who was the lowest bidder. It contains ten rooms suitable for the use of inmates, also store room, bath room, wash room with set tubs, and a large and commodious kitchen. In building this addition, it was found necessary to make important improvements in the old part, which was built seventeen years ago. The heating apparatus has been thoroughly repaired, requiring a large outlay for new pipe. It will be necessary to shingle the main house the coming year, after which, we think, no further repairs will be needed for some time.

The whole number supported at the almshouse during the year was twenty-three. Average number, sixteen and one-half.

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

David McKay,	Anna Holbrook,
Lewis Linfield,	Ellen Buckley,
Royal S. Holbrook, ‡	Mary E. Buckley, *
Luther F. Thayer, ‡	Catharine Heeney,
Eli Hayden, *	Teressa Long,
Lysander Holbrook,	Maggie Quinlan,
William Doyle,	Frances McMath,
William Shea,	Annie R. Brunbury,
James E. Upham,	Rose Brunbury,
Albert C. Holbrook, *	Mary Brunbury,
Maggie Morrisey,	Bartholomew Brunbury,
William Morrisey, Jr.	

* Discharged. ‡ Deceased.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, salary two months, . . .	\$100 00
Calvin Sanford, salary ten months, . . .	333 33
J. White Belcher, for grain, . . .	85 50
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	140 97
Joel F. Sheppard & Sons, for coal, . . .	11 91
Charles Prescott & Co., for groceries, . . .	278 04
Josiah Clark, for meat, . . .	176 34
H. H. Guinan, for clothing, . . .	102 10
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	127 87
S. A. Thayer, for grain, flour, fertilizer, . . .	200 65
Ingalls & Kendrickken, repairing heating apparatus, . . .	150 00
H. H. Francis, for repairs, . . .	126 91
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . . .	37 00
Tucker Mfg. Co., for supplies, . . .	23 20
Charles A. Wales, for labor and supplies, . . .	118 81
F. H. Langley, for labor and material, . . .	54 73
Sidney French, for boots and shoes, . . .	49 40
William S. Hills, for flour, . . .	31 25
Howard Spurr & Co., for groceries, . . .	23 08
Briggs & Shattuck, for groceries, . . .	83 29
Jordan, Marsh & Co., dry goods, . . .	99 73
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, for groceries, . . .	13 33
McWilliams & Co., for butter, . . .	32 70
Adams & Co., for meat, . . .	3 86
W. L. Wilkins, for meat, . . .	34 20
Charles H. North & Co., for supplies, . . .	8 35
G. F. Austin & Co., for supplies, . . .	7 60

Paid A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . .	\$23 06
Joshua Hunt, for pigs, . . .	21 00
Hannah J. Knight, for cow, . . .	50 00
John F. Carey, for fish, . . .	15 59
Jacobs, Whitcomb & Co., for supplies, .	9 50
Joseph Hyde & Co., for supplies, . .	7 40
William H Cobb, for tools, . . .	18 17
John T. Cartwright, for repairing, . .	6 50
George Fowkes, for repairing, . . .	6 05
A. J. Towns, for ice, . . .	11 96
R. T. Mann, for salt hay, . . .	20 00
Wilmot Clothing Co., for clothing, . .	5 00
M. M. Alden, for labor and material, .	3 00
L. P. Soule, for supplies, . . .	3 04
O. C. R. Road, for freight, . . .	3 08
James Riley, for dressing hogs, . . .	3 00
E. A. Perry, for labor and material, . .	5 40
Thomas Devine, for two pigs, . . .	8 00
Simon Schrout, for supplies, . . .	11 58
R. T. Mann, for supplies, . . .	10 08
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber, . . .	28 79
Franklin Porter, for supplies, . . .	18 62
R. A. Thayer, for posts, . . .	4 33
N. Rosenfeld, for dry goods, . . .	27 97
E. A. Allen, for supplies, . . .	1 12
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, R. S.	
Holbrook, . . .	16 00
Ellen Barry, for labor, . . .	10 00
Mrs. Holbrook, for dressmaking, . .	3 00
M. J. Melville, for labor, . . .	3 75
Ellen Buckley, expenses to hospital, .	3 62

Paid M. P. Pike, for repairs,	56
Sundry persons for labor,	16 62
Sundry bills for mdse.,	51 55
F. C. Granger, for medical attendance,	21 84
A. L. Chase, for medical attendance,	12 36
W. M. Babbitt, for medical attendance,	10 39
T. T. Cushman, for medical attendance,	9 89
E. A. Allen, for medical attendance,	99
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	\$2,936 96

DR.

For stock on hand, March 1, 1885,	\$2,327 45	
cash paid as per this report	2,936 96	
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By stock on hand, March 1, 1886,	\$2,605 05	
cash paid treasurer for labor of town teams,	357 71	
cash paid treasurer for produce sold,	83 35	
cash paid treasurer for board of Luther F. Thayer,	147 50	
cash paid treasurer for board of William Tilson,	54 00	
cash paid treasurer for board by the town of Holbrook,	260 81	
	<hr/>	3,508 42
Net expense of almshouse,		<hr/> \$1,755 99

ALMSHOUSE ENLARGING.

Paid H. H. Francis as per contract, . . .	\$1,345 00
Ingalls & Kendrick, for heating apparatus, . . .	155 00
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . . .	65 80
Ellen Whalin, for stone, . . .	40 50
George W. Pierce, for labor, . . .	39 81
H. H. Francis, for extra labor, . . .	25 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 4½ days, . . .	7 87
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
David Ahearn, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
John O'Keefe, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John Dunn, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Thomas Duff, for labor, 1½ days, . . .	2 62
John Desmond, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Matthew Graham, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
John Gill, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
David Irving, for labor, ½ day . . .	87
Total, . . .	<hr/> \$1,710 47

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital, . . .	\$196 21
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital, . . .	168 43
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital, . . .	168 09
for William J. Kinsley, at State Lunatic Hospital, in part, . . .	235 91
for Edwin and Mary Cheesman, . . .	271 43

Paid for Leonard A. Jones,	\$56 35
for Ann F. Thayer,	100 00
for Mrs. William S. Allen and family,	103 02
for Mrs. Edward Bracken and family,	197 12
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family,	153 88
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family,	165 68
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family,	129 45
for Noah Holbrook and wife,	102 89
for Isaac Holbrook and wife,	138 67
for Alexander Holbrook and wife,	64 50
for Edmund F. Eddy and wife,	105 39
for Annie R. Brunbury and family,	65 55
for Mrs. John Lynch and family,	76 71
for Thomas Donahue and family,	27 60
for Luke O'Reilly and family,	113 84
for Hiram Holbrook and family,	59 00
for William Kelliher and family,	31 50
for Everett A. Poole and family,	17 00
for William Acherson and family,	83 39
for Mrs. James Butler,	45 00
for Loring Jones,	96 00
for Paul T. Clark,	40 86
for Eliza Myers,	60 00
for George C. Currie,	20 21
for Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr.),	52 00
for Mrs. John Fencer,	32 25
for Mrs. Thomas Addison,	14 32
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family,	53 91
for William Thayer,	44 99
for Timothy Mannix,	15 50
for Mrs. Bernard Purcell, Jr.,	10 00

Paid for John Carey,	\$17 33
for Mrs. John O'Reilly,	9 89
for Patrick Barry,	10 50
for James Fitzgerald,	6 50
for Lizzie Harris Bird,	101 14
for Mrs. Maurice Colbath,	28 00
for John Leahey,	36 27
for Margaret Reilly,	18 40
for Frederick Miller,	4 00
for sundry bills for aid refunded,	98 11
for sundry persons' aid,	28 27
expenses for paupers,	50 92
Total,	<u>\$3,755 98</u>
Total amount drawn from treasurer,	\$3,521 98
Coal on hand March 1, 1885,	234 00
	<u>\$3,755 98</u>
Credit by aid refunded,	98 11
Net cost,	<u>\$3,657 87</u>

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.*

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$180 99
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	163 80
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	110 93
for Albert Howard and family,	73 21
for John E. Mann and family,	78 00

* One third paid by town of Holbrook.

Paid for Sarah A. (Morse) Bond and family, .	\$56 20
for Charles H. Eddy and family, . .	54 23
for Mary Mullins and family, . . .	48 00
for Christiana Sloan and family, . .	82 13
for Thomas F. Hand and family, . .	71 27
for Morton Holbrook and family, . .	73 90
for Eunice Leavitt,	24 00
for Lawrence F. Leavitt and family, . .	24 00
for James M. Holbrook and family, . .	25 30
for Charles W. Morse,	2 75
for George F. French,	5 00
for George W. Cook and family, . .	14 92
for Louisa Sloan,	20 00
for Henry I. Sloan,	6 25
Total,	<hr/> \$1,114 88

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook, .	\$249 00
for Mrs. Wilfred N. Pendergrass, Holbrook,	192 00
for Louisa Poole, Holbrook,	148 00
for Lucius Hollis and family, Holbrook, .	9 15
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	51 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury, . .	23 70
for Stephen Farnham, Methuen, . . .	87 00
for Mrs. Thomas H. Sanderson, Braintree,	180 81
for Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree, . .	84 00
for Frederick Fowler, Jr., Easton, . .	296 00

Paid for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington, . . .	\$335 25
Total,	<u>\$1,655 91</u>

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, keeper of lockup, . . .	\$140 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	5 50
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	3 12
Frank F. Smith, for charcoal, . . .	3 60
Colin Boyd, for washing clothing, . . .	2 50
Colin Boyd, for supplies, . . .	72
Total,	<u>\$155 44</u>

Included in the expenses of the poor in almshouse, poor out of almshouse, and poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, are the following sums of money paid to physicians for medical aid rendered for one year :

Dr. Frank C. Granger, 388 visits at $49\frac{3}{4}$ cents, . . .	\$191 78
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman, 78 visits, . . .	38 56
Dr. Charles C. Farnham, 68 visits, . . .	33 62
Dr. Augustus L. Chase, 50 visits, . . .	24 72
Dr. Emory A. Allen, 71 visits, . . .	35 11
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt, 53 visits, . . .	26 21
	<u>\$350 00</u>
Dr. Frank C. Granger, for medical aid (1884), . . .	\$84 02

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of

the selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors of the town of Randolph.

Randolph, March 17, 1886.

ALMHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,
MARCH 1, 1886.

2 horses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$400 00
2 cows,	.	.	.	.	.	.	125 00
2 swine,	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
24 hens,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
5 tons of English hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	110 00
1½ tons of swale hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
1 ton of salt hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
1 road-scraper,	.	.	.	.	.	.	175 00
2 horse carts,	.	.	.	.	.	.	120 00
1 carryall,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 farm wagon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
1 two-horse wagon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
1 swing drag,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 mowing machine,	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
1 hay-cutter and feed trough,	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
2 gravel screens,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
2 cart harnesses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
1 carriage harness,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00

1 pair of double harnesses,	\$50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole, . .	50 00
1 stump-puller and hook,	25 00
4 draft chains,	10 00
2 grindstones,	8 00
1 carriage jack,	2 00
6 baskets,	3 00
3 ploughs,	18 00
1 harrow,	5 00
7 hay and manure forks,	4 00
4 shovels,	3 00
2 iron bars and 3 picks,	5 00
4 hoes, 3 garden rakes, 4 hay rakes, . .	4 00
2 wood saws and 2 sawhorses,	3 00
3 scythes and snaths,	3 00
2 hand saws and fore plane,	4 00
1 set of bits, &c.,	2 00
3 hammers and 35 drills,	45 00
30 flour barrels,	4 50
12 cords of wood (sawed),	96 00
5 tons of coal,	30 00
45 bushels of potatoes,	27 00
Garden vegetables,	8 00
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ barrels of flour,	31 50
20 pounds of home made butter,	7 00
60 pounds of lard,	6 00
20 pounds of sausages,	2 00
280 pounds of salt pork,	28 00
120 pounds of ham,	14 40
180 pounds of corned beef,	12 60
50 pounds crackers,	3 00

40 pounds of prepared pie meat,	\$5 00
30 gallons of molasses,	15 00
25 gallons vinegar,	6 25
3 pecks of beans,	2 00
14 jars of preserves,	3 00
80 pounds of sugar,	5 60
12 pounds dried apples,	1 50
10 pounds rice,	60
30 pounds tea,	18 00
6 pounds coffee,	1 80
Spices,	2 00
6 pounds tobacco,	3 00
Grain and meal,	10 00
1 cooking range and furniture,	45 00
1 small stove,	5 00
1 fire extinguisher,	40 00
9 flat-irons,	4 50
1 sewing-machine,	16 00
1 ice chest,	12 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ box soap,	2 00
Crockeryware,	40 00
Woodenware,	15 00
Tinware,	12 00
10 hand and 3 hanging lamps,	6 00
3 lanterns,	2 50
1 clock,	4 00
12 cuspadores,	6 00
22 iron bedsteads,	132 00
9 feather beds,	60 00
21 under-beds,	32 50
80 sheets,	40 00

1 web of sheeting,	\$4 00
36 colored blankets,	26 00
26 white blankets,	26 00
64 pillow cases,	12 80
12 spreads,	10 00
33 comforters,	33 00
51 feather pillows,	30 00
41 towels,	6 00
4 table cloths,	4 50
4 dining tables,	16 00
7 small tables,	4 00
50 chairs,	25 00
1 churn,	4 00
6 brooms,	1 50
Coal shovels, &c.,	4 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,605 05

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1886.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town:—

For schools (see report of school committee), .	\$8,500 00
Stetson high school (see report of trustees),	2,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00
Poor in almshouse,	2,000 00
Poor outside,	3,600 00
Poor, Randolph and Holbrook,	800 00
Military aid,	800 00
Interest on town debt,	1,300 00
Town officers,	2,000 00
Reduction of town debt,	2,000 00

For Highways, general repairs,	\$2,000 00
Highways, special repairs,	500 00
Paving,	300 00
Removing snow,	200 00
Shingling almshouse	200 00
Fire department (see engineer's report), . .	1,900 00
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	\$29,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL T. MANN,

JOHN B. THAYER,

RUFUS A. THAYER,

Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.
1885-86.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The statutes of the commonwealth prescribe that "The school committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

The committee beg leave to state that as regards the general condition of the schools the year has been quite prosperous. No serious invasion of sickness or death has interfered with the general welfare. Some dozen cases of scarlatina were reported to the committee by the board of health, and in each case the children connected with the family were isolated until such time as danger had passed, in order to prevent the spread of the disease among the children in school.

The committee are obliged to take the census of the school children between the ages of five and fifteen years, annually, in the month of May; and we find that the school population is diminishing, there being sixteen less the last year than the one previous. The schools have been kept the usual thirty-eight weeks.

In 1884 the number of school children was six hundred and seventy-six. In 1885 the number was six hundred and sixty. There are in this town fifteen schools beside the high school, with a corresponding number of teachers. The staff of teachers remain unchanged, and we are happy to be

able to state that they have performed their arduous duties with entire satisfaction to the committee.

It is of the greatest concern that the public instructors should be men and women of the highest order of talent and generous attainments. They take the place of the parent, and mould their disciples into beings like themselves. There was a time when there were no schools. There was a time when there were no books, — before the art of printing was discovered, — and when all had to be taught orally. This duty devolved upon the parents. We have every reason to feel thankful to Him from whom all blessings flow, the author of all good, for the many blessings and privileges we enjoy. Owing to our benign and paternal government we are supplied with every means of learning. Books and supplies are furnished our children with a free and generous hand. No cause for complaint. Fine buildings, well furnished, good, competent teachers, and every necessary appendage to make school life happy and pleasant, and no effort spared to raise up good, moral, virtuous men and women, which will add strength and stability to our institutions.

The attendance of pupils at school has been very good during the past year. The annexed statement will show the attendance in each school, with the names of the teachers.

We take pleasure in mentioning that the selectmen have kindly clothed several children, to enable them to attend school in a comfortable and decent manner.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1885-6.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average Whole No.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 5 years.	Between 5 to 15 years.	Not absent for any term.
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	55	54	50	92	2			1
	Isabella G. Driscoll.	52	50	47	94	2			2
	Kate E. Sheridan.	42	40	40	92				
	Mary A. Molloy.	34	32	31	97				2
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary E. Wren.	32	31	28	90			20	
	Kitttie R. Molloy.	38	36	35	97				
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	62	42	39	92		8		
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	61	52	48	93			55	24
	Alice A. Smith.	48	46	41	90			48	13
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	32	30	26	86			32	4
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	39	31	26	84			35	3
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	48	32	28	87				
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	50	45	35	78			50	
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	33	26	23	90		1		
" 6. "	Mary L. Howard.	32	27	24	88			32	6
		668	574	521	90	4	9		

NAMES OF CHILDREN NOT ABSENT FROM SCHOOL DURING THE YEAR.

Arthur H. Holbrook.	Nellie G. Prescott.	Fannie Hogan.
Florence A. Mann.	Charles E. Clark.	Charles Brady.
Lizzie Pope.	Hannah Pope.	

If a town fails to comply with the laws relating to attendance of pupils of school age upon the schools, it forfeits the right to its share of the income of the school fund. It is conceded by all that in a free state there is no room for ignorance. Intelligence and virtue are the only foundations upon which free institutions can rest. Knowledge and goodness are necessary to personal success. We have not been troubled much of late by cases of truancy. And this town has made all needful provisions for such cases, as far back as 1879, by the adoption of the following by-laws.

TRUANT LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The town of Randolph hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby adopts the following by-laws.

ART. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Plummer Farm School at Salem, for confinement, instruction and discipline.

ART. 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the commonwealth.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previously to making any complaint under these laws, to

notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ART. 7. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

The committee were obliged, after repeated warnings and much trouble by the officers, to enforce the truant laws against a lad thirteen years of age who would not attend school. He was sent by the court to the Farm School, located on Plummer Island, Salem, Mass., for a term of two years.

AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TO BE TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both

divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SEC. 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in section 1.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August in the year 1885.

The object of this statute is to provide for and secure physiological temperance instruction in the public schools of this commonwealth.

The committee have complied with the requirements of the above act by introducing into all the schools in this town the study of physiology and hygiene.

They have introduced into the primary and intermediate schools a Primer of Physiology and Hygiene by William Thayer Smith, M.D., and into the grammar schools, Elements of Physiology by R. J. Dunglison, A.M. With great fairness and moderation, these works deal with the whole question of narcotics, teaching what alcohol is, and its origin. Refuting the popular fallacies about it, they show from its physiological effects why it should be avoided as a beverage, its effects upon life and character, as well as an understanding of the other laws of health.

The committee felt it to be their duty to have the water

in the great cistern in the cellar of the Prescott Grammar School pumped out. This cistern was put there for use in a sanitary point of view some twenty years ago, and proved to be a failure. It was considered injurious to the building as well as to the health of the children, by creating dampness. No more water enters; and the committee take this method of thanking the fire department for the services of Steamer No. 1 in doing such a much needed work.

The committee duly appreciate the kindness of the fathers of the town for building a sidewalk on School street, from Main street to the Prescott Primary, without any appropriation for the same, and also building a similar one from Main street to the North Grammar schoolhouse.

The outbuildings at the Prescott Primary School have been remodelled and thoroughly renovated, putting in new sills, and placing them on a vault built of stone. This work has been done in a most substantial and durable manner, and looks creditable and respectable. A fence has been erected on the north side of the school playground, of suitable height, and with stone posts, so that no more annoyance will be experienced by those living contiguous.

An old unused well, said to be condemned, and covered with large stones, and partly filled with *débris*, was found in the southwest corner of the schoolyard. Knowing that the town was paying ten dollars per year for water for the seven schools in this locality, the committee determined to have the well cleaned out, and after that was done there were four feet of water in it.

A Wales pump was put in, securely closed, with chain and dipper. The result is that we have a well of pure water at a cost of \$39, supplying our schools, as well as the

people who wish to use it, and saving the above outlay which has been paid for a number of years. The Prescott Primary schoolhouse needs painting, and the committee respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$125 for that purpose. The schoolhouses at West corner and North street also need painting, and the committee would ask an appropriation of one hundred dollars for these two buildings. It is poor policy to neglect public buildings, and these ought to have been painted long since. No. 1 schoolhouse on South Main street requires to be shingled, and new gutters and conductors placed on the building. The committee respectfully ask one hundred dollars for that purpose. This schoolhouse was painted inside and outside last year, and also plastered anew. The work was done in a very creditable manner. The roof leaks badly.

In conclusion, the committee would express their conviction that the public schools are in an excellent condition, both as regards present efficiency and promises for the future. Their financial affairs have been administered with economy, and no expenses incurred but what was necessary. We wish to bear testimony to the noble fidelity and zeal which all our teachers bring to their work. The objection has sometimes been made to our system of public education, that while stimulating and cultivating the intellect, it leaves the moral nature unimproved and undisciplined. Let such as entertain this thought bestow a day or two in visiting our schools and they will be assured that our teachers are loyal and obedient to the good doctrines embodied in that ancient statute of the commonwealth, which commands the instructors of youth to impress on the minds of children committed to their care the principles of piety, justice, and a

sacred regard to truth, love of country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and all those other virtues upon which society is founded. Let us hope that the care and direction of this responsible trust may be ever lifted and kept aloof from the arena of politics, and that every citizen may feel and know that public instruction is to be developed and guided not in the interest of any party, or class, or prejudice, but in a liberal and unsectarian spirit, to the end that all our children, whatever their place or destiny, may become men and women in the best and truest sense of the term.

The committee respectfully recommend that the following sums shall be raised and appropriated for the support of the public schools for the ensuing year :

For teaching	\$6,500 00
For fuel	350 00
For care of rooms	425 00
For permanent repairs	325 00
For general and incidental expenses	400 00
For books and other supplies	500 00
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	\$8,500 00

And the dog money.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1885-6.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher, 1 "	900 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 1 "	418 00

Paid Kittie E. Sheridan,	1 year,	.	.	.	\$399 00
Mary A. Molloy,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Mary E. Wren,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Alice A. Smith,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Ellen P. Henry,	1 "	.	.	.	362 90
Sarah C. Belcher,	1 "	.	.	.	362 90
Kittie R. Molloy,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Emma D. Stetson,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Mary L. Howard,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Minnie W. Corliss,	1 "	.	.	.	323 00
Sarah J. McGaughey,	1 "	.	.	.	304 00
Carrie L. Wilkins,	1 "	.	.	.	304 00

\$6,539 80

FOR FUEL.

Paid Thomas Riley, preparing wood,	.	.	.	\$5 00
Rose E. Stetson, " "	.	.	.	1 50
Morton Holbrook, " "	.	.	.	2 75
Herbert M. Wilbur, " "	.	.	.	1 00
" " " shavings,	.	.	.	40
Edwin Mann, wood,	.	.	.	12 50
Daniel Leahey, "	.	.	.	10 00
Galen Hollis, shavings,	.	.	.	50
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	.	.	.	257 45

\$291 10

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	.	.	.	.	\$210 57
Galen Hollis,	.	.	.	.	50 00
Rose E. Stetson,	.	.	.	.	20 00
Herbert C. Wilbur,	.	.	.	.	25 00
Lawrence Hayes,	.	.	.	.	25 01

Paid John T. Wales,	\$7 00
Mrs. Rose Gill,	8 33
" Julia O'Connor,	5 33
" James Riley,	3 00
By drawing water for cleaning,	5 00
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	\$369 24

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Patrick Feeney, use of well, 1 year,	\$10 00
Deborah Jones, " " 2 "	6 00
Lawrence Hayes, " " 1 "	3 00
Thomas Dolan, taking census,	20 00
" " cash paid out,	3 70
H. A. Hartley, window shades,	4 00
H. M. White, supplies,	7 68
S. B. Woodman, cleaning well (Prescott),	8 00
M. F. Smith, labor with team, "	6 12
Wales Bros., pump and platform, "	30 00
Thomas Good, labor with team, bill of '83,	1 17
" " " " "	2 62
Patrick Bohan, labor,	2 80
Joseph Belcher, labor and materials,	1 50
" " supplies,	5 16
Galen Hollis, labor, \$2, key, 25 cents,	2 25
Holmes' Furniture Company, chair,	2 00
Howard & Clark, dry sinks,	30 00
Nathan Rosenfeld, mat,	95
Thomas Riley, removing snow,	3 37
David J. Foley, truant officer,	20 00
C. H. Wales, labor and material,	65 95
A. J. Gove, teams, expressing, &c.	24 95

Paid D. B. White & Co., supplies,	\$13 03
Daniel H. Huxford, printing,	20 25
Dennis McCarthy, 8 loads gravel,	1 00
J. E. Nash, repairs on clock,	1 00
Colin Boyd, care of committee's room,	6 00
Herbert Wilbur and Rose E. Stetson, brooms,	1 64
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	\$304 14

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid E. W. Campagna, 4 bookcases,	\$17 00
Michael Morgan, labor (Prescott Primary),	5 25
John Moore, " " "	25 37
S. B. Woodman, building vault (Prescott Primary),	59 40
S. B. Corliss, stone and posts (Prescott Primary),	27 60
Nathaniel Tirrell, painting outbuildings (Prescott Primary),	14 50
Nathaniel Noyes, labor and materials, building fence and repairing outbuildings (Prescott Primary),	105 23
S. B. Woodman, labor and materials on outbuilding (Prescott Primary),	4 26
S. B. Woodman, ceiling and kalsomining No. 1 schoolhouse,	100 98
Nathaniel Tirrell, painting No. 1 schoolhouse,	85 00
M. M. Alden, repairs on fence (North Grammar School),	7 85
Nathaniel Noyes, repairs on school buildings,	59 72
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	\$512 16

SCHOOL SUPPLIES—BOOKS, &c.

Paid Cowperthwait & Co., merchandise, &c.,	\$61 06
George S. Perry,	14 03
Clafflin & Brown,	18 63
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	32 17
Carroll W. Clark,	20 80
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., merchandise, &c.,	37 77
Boston School Supply Co., merchandise, &c.	66 16
Geo. F. King & Merrill,	13 50
Harper Bros.,	84 15
Knight, Adams & Co.,	19 63
William Ware & Co.,	202 25
Porter & Coats,	16 67
J. L. Hammet & Co.,	22 42
Ward & Gay,	3 00
A. Storrs & Co.,	2 00
Dennison Tag Co.,	1 99
Harrison, Hume & Co.,	26 80
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	\$643 03

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

BOOKS FURNISHED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid D. Appleton & Co., merchandise,	\$89 56
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	45 99
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., merchandise,	18 00
Clark and Maynard, merchandise,	36 29
Chas. H. Whiting,	19 80
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	24 94

Paid Carl Schoenhof, merchandise, . . .	\$11 00
F. M. Ambrose, " . . .	22 17
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	\$267 75

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teaching,	\$6,539 80
Fuel,	291 10
Care of rooms,	359 24
Permanent repairs,	512 16
Miscellaneous and incidental,	304 14
Books, school supplies, &c.,	643 03
" for Stetson High School,	267 75
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	\$8,917 22

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$7,500 00
" " " for books,	500 00
Received from state,	188 51
" Coddington fund,	100 00
" town treasurer, dog licenses,	474 53
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	\$8,763 04
Expense of schools,	\$8,917 22
Income from all sources,	8,763 04
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Excess over amount applicable to schools,	\$154 18

THOMAS DOLAN,
JOHN B. WREN,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Randolph, March 11, 1886.

Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
RANDOLPH, March 1, 1886.

To the Selectmen of Randolph :

Gentlemen, — The following report is herewith submitted showing the condition of the fire department, the expense of the same, also the number of fires that have occurred in the town for the year ending February 28, 1886 :

The roster of the department as organized May 1, 1885, was as follows :—

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*chief*), John Haney (*assistant chief*), W. A. Croak (*clerk*).

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; F. J. Donohue, *Fireman*.

Hose Co., No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, 25 men, S. A. Foster, *Foreman*.

Chemical No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*.

Steamer No. 2, Charles Allen, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; G. F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose (horse) No. 2, 10 men, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*, Cyrus N. Thayer, *Driver*.

The department has responded to calls as follows :—

March 10, 1885, 9 A.M. Alarm for fire on the roof of

the blacksmith shop on Main street owned by heirs of William Campbell and occupied by F. H. Langley, Henry Campbell and others. Cause of fire, spark from chimney. Damage, slight. Insured. Extinguished before the apparatus from house of No. 1 arrived.

April 21, 12.30 A.M. Alarm for fire in the barn owned and occupied by James Irvine, located on a private way leading west from Tower Hill. Wholly destroyed, together with five tons of hay, two horses, three cows, one wagon, four sets of harness, farming utensils, &c. Cause of fire unknown. Barn and contents insured. Chemical No. 1 responded.

April 21, 12.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in the woods in the vicinity of schoolhouse No. 1 South Main street. Hose No. 1 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 responded and assisted to extinguish the same. On the 18th of April, on a still alarm, members of the department assisted to put out a fire in the woods near A. A. Belcher's, Union street.

April 25, 11.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in dwelling on South street owned by Charles Briggs and unoccupied. Wholly destroyed. Cause, incendiary. Insured. Steamer 1, hose 1, hook and ladder 1 and chemical 1 responded.

August 22, 9.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in barn and house on South Main street, owned by Emeline Broad, and occupied by William Broad, Thomas Burbank and others. Totally consumed with a portion of contents. Cause, incendiary. Insured. Steamer 1, hose 1, hook and ladder 1 and chemical 1 responded.

February 26, 1886, 2.45 A.M. Alarm for fire in the boot and shoe factory on Howard street owned and occupied by William P. O'Brien. The factory and contents wholly de-

stroyed, and the dwelling of William P. O'Brien badly, and dwelling of Simon O'Brien slightly, damaged. Cause of fire unknown. Buildings and contents of both parties insured. Steamer 1, hose 1, hook and ladder 1 and chemical 1 responded.

REPAIRS OF HOUSES.

The repairs on the various houses the past year has been as follows: The house of steamer 1 has been shingled and some minor repairs made beside. We made a partial contract to paint the same, but the weather having been unfavorable for some weeks the work has not been done. This house seems to be unfavorably situated as regards the first floor. When this house was remodelled for the use of the steamer some six or seven years ago, the floor was dropped below the sills of the building, thereby bringing the floor very near the ground; as a consequence the timbers on which the floor rests last but a short time, a portion of which was decayed so as to require new timbers some three years ago, and, judging from the present condition of the same, will have to be wholly relaid very soon. It seems to us that when this is done some other material beside wood should be used.

At the house of steamer 2 we have filled the cistern under the building in order to save the timbers of the first floor from decay as much as possible.

At the house of chemical No. 1 some slight repairs have been made.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, including two steamers, two hose carriages, one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck, 2800 feet canvas hose, harnesses, extra ladders in houses of steamer 2 and chemical 1, &c., &c.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are in good condition and full of water.

EXPENSES.

Paid 68 men, services 1 year to May 1, 1885,	\$10,	\$680 00
68 men, 994½ hours at 25 cents,		248 63
sundry persons, fires in the woods,		10 00
J. H. Wales, engineer steamer 1, to May 1, 1885,		40 00
W. B. Brown, fireman steamer 1, to May 1, 1885,		30 00
E. L. Payne, engineer steamer 2, to May 1, 1885,		40 00
G. F. Howard, fireman steamer 2, to May 1, 1885,		30 00
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fires, to May 1, 1885,		50 50
James Farrell, care of hall, hose 1, 1 year, to May 1, 1885,		6 00
W. B. Brown, steward, care of fires, from February 28 to May 1, 1885,		22 97
E. L. Payne, care of steamer 2, from February 27, 1885, to February 27, 1886,		30 00
G. F. Howard, steward and care of fires, 1 year, to February 27, 1886,		48 00
N. E. Knight, steward hook and ladder, 1 year, February 27, 1886,		10 00
F. J. Donahue, steward and care of fires, February 27, 1886,		59 50
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, 1 year to March 1, 1886,		300 00

Paid J. Clark, drawing steamer 2,	\$16 00
J. Carroll, drawing chemical engine, Irvine fire,	2 00
Colin Boyd, care of room, engineers' meet- ings, 1 year,	6 00
James Reiley, rent of land steamer 2, . .	15 00
Hiram Snow, services at Broad fire, . .	4 50
D. H. Huxford, printing notices, . . .	3 00
A. S. Jackson, for supplies,	22 61
James Reiley, labor and material filling cis- tern house No. 2,	7 06
F. H. Langley, step on steamer 1, . . .	2 50
M. M. Alden, labor and material on house steamer 1,	73 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for engine houses,	64 00
A. J. Gove, drawing extinguisher, Hook and Ladder, expressing, &c.,	23 10
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	5 44
C. Prescott, supplies,	4 48
G. W. Pollock, supplies,	7 75
C. A. Wales, labor, supplies, cash paid, &c.,	18 78
E. M. Mann, wood,	2 75
G. Dunbar & Co., hand grenades, . . .	20 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, chemical 1, .	10 00
H. H. Guinan, supplies,	12 00
Total expense,	\$1,925 57
Balance,	54 43
Appropriation,	\$1,980 00

Received from rent of engine houses from March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885, \$40.50. Expended the same as follows :

Hand grenades,	\$25 00
Whitewashing and painting hall of steamer 1, .	14 00
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	\$39 00
Balance,	1 50
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	\$40 50

The matter of expenses for the coming year will, of course, be governed by circumstances ; also upon the amount of appropriation for fire department uses.

We would, therefore, respectfully recommend the following : Pay of men \$12 for the year, and 25 cents per hour for labor at fires, &c., and that the pay of engineers of steamers be \$40, and that of firemen of steamers be \$30 per year. For general expenses the sum of \$1000.

C. A. WALES,
W. A. CROAK,
JOHN HANEY,
Engineers.

DR.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

Paid 919 Town orders,	\$36,520 22
Treasury Notes,	19,000 00
Interest on Treasury Notes,	1,184 01
State Treasurer: State Tax,	\$2,175 00
National Bank Tax,	2,617 04
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	4,792 04
Expense:	
Doctor A. Chase, returning births,	\$3 50
Doctor T. T. Cushman, returning births,	75
Doctor F. C. Granger, returning births,	7 00
Doctor E. A. Allen, returning births,	6 75
Doctor C. C. Farnham, returning births,	1 00
R. Houghton, returning deaths,	16 25
Town Clerk, returning births, marriages and deaths,	57 50
Postage, .24; Postal Cards and Stationery, \$3 76; Stamps, \$6,	10
Books, \$5 50; D. H. Huxford, printing, \$1 50,	7
Expense to Stoughton election,	5
Abatement of Taxes, 1884,	41 85
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	256 60

Balance,	8,508 63
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	\$70,261 50

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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1886. March.

Balance, March, 1885,	\$7,818 08
Received for Treasury Notes,	18,000 00
“ Tax Bill, 1885,	31,360 31
“ Bank Dividends,	80 00
“ of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, interest on taxes, 1884,	129 19
“ of F. M. Deane, Tax Collector, interest on taxes, 1884,	100 95
“ of C. C. Churchill, County Treasurer, for Dog Licenses,	474 53
“ of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, additional Taxes, 1884,	24 00
“ of F. W. Deane, Tax Collector, additional Taxes, 1884,	10 40
“ of H. L. Peirce, rent of Ponkapog Pond,	10 00
“ for Extra Repairs on Highways,	334 55
“ of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	\$2,925 28
“ of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	2,990 83
“ of State Treasurer, State Aid,	1,497 00
“ of State Treasurer, Aid to Indigent Soldiers and Sailors,	694 00
“ of State School Fund,	188 51
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“ of J. E. Foley, License for Bowling Alley,	8,295 62
“ of W. B. Spear, License Auctioneer,	2 00
“ of I. Niles, License Auctioneer,	2 00
“ of F. E. Fay & Co., License Liquor,	1 00
“ of F. Porter, License Liquor,	1 00
“ of City of Taunton, Pauper,	52 00
“ of Town of Methuen, Pauper,	92 25
“ of Town of Abington, Pauper,	264 00
“ of Town of Braintree, Pauper,	187 62
“ of Town Farm, Labor, \$441 06; Board, \$201 50,	642 56
“ of Town of Duxbury, Pauper,	51 20
“ of Town of Holbrook, Water, Bounty, Pauper, &c.,	1,968 00
“ of Town of Easton, Pauper,	209 13
“ for sale of Salt Grass,	20 00
“ Cash refunded on account of Paupers' Account,	132 00
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	\$70,261 50

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

1886. March.	DR.	
Notes to Patrick McMahon Estate, due April 25, 1886, . .	\$4,000 00	
Notes to Lemuel Wentworth Estate, due April 25, 1886, . .	1,700 00	
Notes to Ebenezer Moulton Estate, due April 27, 1887, . .	800 00	
Notes to Lucy A. Wilbur Estate, due April 25, 1887, . .	500 00	
Notes to Turner Free Library on Demand,	5,000 00	
Notes to Randolph Savings Bank,	11,000 00	
Interest due on Town Notes,	350 00	
Unpaid bills and unpaid orders estimated,	100 00	
		<u>\$23,450 00</u>

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Coddington Fund:		
8 Shares Randolph National Bank,	\$1,600 00	
Salt Marsh,	500 00	
		<u>\$2,100 00</u>
F. N. Deane, Tax Collector, Taxes, 1885,	5,303 84	
Due for State Aid,	1,848 00	
Due for Military Aid,	856 96	
Due from Treasurer, Balance,	3,204 79	
Due from other towns,	896 23	
Due from School Books,	500 00	
Balance,	8,740 18	
		<u>\$23,450 00</u>

Net Town Debt, 1885,	\$10,705 34
Net Town Debt, 1886,	8,740 18
	<u>\$1,965 16</u>
Town debt reduced,	\$1,965 16

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1886.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY.

ELISHA MANN, JR.,

C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

The trustees of the Stetson school fund present this their annual report with the hope that it may meet the approbation of all interested in the school.

As formerly reported, the funds are invested as follows :

10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank,	\$1,000 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
20 shares Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300 00

TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis, Minn., bond,	\$1,000 00
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THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

In commendation of the school and its work of education, the trustees can but repeat their former assertions. The

school is in all respects equal to the similar institutions in surrounding towns. We retain our teachers of last year — Mr. E. N. Lovering as principal, and Miss Ada B. Chandler as assistant. They, we feel, are doing their work faithfully, and procuring for us good results. In this school an opportunity for education is presented to the youth of our town, which they are improving, we hope, to the extent of their ability.

The yearly public examination occurred in the general school-room on Thursday the 18th of March. As on like previous occasions, general satisfaction was expressed with the work of both teachers and pupils.

The graduation exercises occurred on the 19th of March, Friday, in the Stetson Hall. The occasion was one pleasing to listeners and participators. The members of the graduating class are to be congratulated on so successful a completion of their four years' work. At the close of the exercises, a diploma was presented to each member of the class. In addition, two medals from the Turner Fund were represented to the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

The following are names of the members of the graduating class : —

Urma Carlton Alden.

Rose Mary Brady.

Alice Tolman.

William Hodsdon Leavitt.

Mortimer Sullivan.

Near the close of the school year occurred the annual examination of applicants for admission to the school the ensu-

ing year. Forty-one of these meeting the requirements were admitted as members of the school.

The fact that so large a majority of the applicants have passed satisfactorily the examination bespeaks a thoroughness and excellence of work in the grammar and sub-grammar grades which is seldom surpassed.

There seems now to be a call for some regulation in the high school to meet the wants of the large number of children who gain admission to but remain in the school only a year or two. In this case they do not, of course, avail themselves of the full privileges of the school, nor receive the school diploma.

A change is desirable which shall enable this large class of the youth of our town to derive from the school the benefit which their parents expect them to receive. A matter of fact is that from one third to one half of the scholars who enter the school leave at or before the end of the first year; and during this time they have pursued the study of Latin. It is assuredly a waste of effort to pursue this study for so short time, nevertheless it is necessary for those who intend to complete the full course to commence Latin at the beginning of the first year.

To adjust satisfactorily this matter, and to meet the wants of those who do not intend to complete the full course, the trustees propose to establish an exclusively English course, which shall cover a period of two years, with a provision that a diploma be given to those who shall complete this prescribed course.

This will involve additional work, as new classes will have to be formed, and a second assistant teacher will be required.

The trustees must, therefore, ask for an appropriation of \$2000 with which to carry on the school for the next year.

DANIEL HOWARD,
WINSLOW BATTLES,
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN,
Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

DR. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1885.

	To balance of old account,		\$5 71
April 1.	To dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
	Webster " "	20 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "	25 00	
	Exchange " "	25 00	
	Boylston " "	30 00	
	Tremont " "	25 00	
	Old Boston " "	25 00	
	Shawmut " "	39 00	
	Randolph " "	65 00	
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June 1.	Town appropriation (in part)		750 00
Sept. 28.	Town appropriation (balance of)		750 00
Oct. 1.	Dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
	Webster " "	15 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "	20 00	
	Exchange " "	20 00	
	Boylston " "	30 00	
	Tremont " "	20 00	
	Old Boston " "	20 00	
	Shawmut " "	26 00	
	Randolph " "	65 00	
		<hr/>	271 00

1886.

Feb. 13.	Tax on Bank Stock (in part) refunded by State,	32 43	
	Amount received from rental of Hall,	221 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,339 14

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1885.

April	4.	By paying Phebe W. Bunker, use of piano,	\$30 00
	30.	Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	26 25
May	13.	Colin Boyd,	24 11
	13.	D. B. White & Co.,	6 52
	27.	E. N. Lovering, supplies,	30 88
June	22.	G. W. Pollock, repairs,	5 00
	30.	Miss A. B. Chandler, salary,	173 68
	30.	Colin Boyd,	18 66
Aug.	27.	E. N. Lovering, salary to July 1,	375 00
	31.	cyclostyle,	12 00
Oct.	24.	F. F. Smith, charcoal,	6 30
	29.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	32 40
Nov.	9.	E. N. Lovering, salary to October 1,	375 00
	12.	J. White Belcher, insurance,	10 00
	20.	Colin Boyd,	26 26
Dec.	11.	J. White Belcher, insurance,	1 60
	17.	Miss A. B. Chandler, salary,	202 63

1886.

Jan.	1.	First Parish, chandelier,	10 00
	7.	E. N. Lovering, salary to January 1,	375 00
	7.	supplies,	16 15
	13.	J. E. Nash, clock,	10 00
	21.	D. H. Huxford,	26 76
Feb.	1.	G. W. Pollock, repairs,	2 00
	23.	Charles A. Wales,	20 53
Mar.	2.	N. Noyes,	4 42
	13.	Miss A. B. Chandler, balance of salary,	173 69
	13.	E. N. Lovering, on account of salary,	320 00
	13.	Trustees and secretary, one year,	20 00
		Balance,	4 30

\$2,339 14

C. G. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary, C. G. Hathaway.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund, the same as reported by the trustees.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER.
RUFUS A. THAYER,

Randolph, March 22, 1886.

Selectmen of Randolph.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1885-6.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D.D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN
V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD, J. WINSOR PRATT, JOHN
B. THAYER, EDWIN N. LOVERING, WILLIAM H. BALKAM, JR.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the tenth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, and the librarian, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1885.

TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library, funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1885, has been \$518.10; gasoline, \$140.16; fuel, \$166.00; expressing, \$18.13; janitor, \$125.00; insurance, \$43.75; other sundry supplies, \$18.13. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The building and contents are in good condition; and no large expense for the present year is anticipated, except for heating purposes.

FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments; and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1885, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

For the current year the income is estimated as follows:—

From rents,	\$600 00
Interest on town note,	300 00
From Turner Fund,	580 00
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	\$1,480 00

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree,

Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, William H. Balkam, Jr., and Edwin N. Lovering), and the books were found in the same excellent condition as in former years.

In behalf of the trustees, I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the faithful and efficient services of the librarian and his assistant in the discharge of their respective duties. The librarian in his report to the trustees for the year ending December 31, 1885, states "that the twenty-second day of March, 1886, will complete the first decade of our public library history, and during that time the number of readers has increased from one thousand to nearly three thousand; that the demand at first for sensational reading has largely yielded to a desire for something better and purer. The question which naturally presents itself for consideration in relation to the patrons of a library, more especially the young people, is, what do they read? How do they read? and if unwisely, what can be done to remedy the defects? Of the cards in active use, about two thousand are in the hands of the owners, or one to every two of our entire population. Of this two thousand, fully fifty per cent read only to be amused; leaving about one fourth of the people using the library with a purpose to derive intellectual benefit. Of these one thousand people we have only to say that their efforts are most commendable: but how shall we improve the other thousand? To do this will require years of patient endeavor. A few of those who have reached manhood and womanhood may be induced to change for the better, but the chief hope of general extended reform lies through the public schools and kindred agencies. Ours is not a discouraging field, for if we compare ourselves with other towns and peoples, I think we shall make a very fair

showing. But that we who breathe Boston air may not be unduly elated or inflated, perhaps it would be well to examine this question. It has been said that Boston is the literary centre of our broad land; perhaps it is true. Boston is at least a city of readers; and what is true of the city is true of its environs, for these suburban cities and towns are little else than the lodging-places of the busy workers of Boston. Each town or village has its public library, and the literary character of three fourths of a million people living within twenty miles of the State House is in a general way much the same. Now what do all these people read? It has been carefully estimated that nearly three fourths read little or nothing but the newspapers. The urban resident too often confines his reading to a half hour in the morning, and the same in the evening. The suburban passes the hour of to and fro car travel in friendly greeting, or reading only the morning or evening paper. And when we remember that the best of these papers print ten columns of politics and sensational items to a quarter column of literature, we are reminded of Falstaff's 'infinite deal of sack and pennyworth of bread' and wonder no longer why the literary being of so many business men is lank and lean. We hope the time is not far distant when the great majority of our people will be vastly better informed than at present. Our various educational agencies are arousing to the necessity of better methods and more comprehensive work. Schools, colleges, libraries, literary circles, are all aiming to help students acquire knowledge that shall be world-wide and exhaustive. Thus schools and colleges in connection with the use of text-books require collateral readings; and most public libraries are invited to provide these most important

aids to the student. In this way the library becomes the best and most important auxiliary to the school. The various literary organizations, from the local debating society to the great Chautauqua system with its sixty thousand readers, should each receive aid and encouragement from the public library. In fact we should be very prompt to recognize and encourage every worthy influence for the dissemination of knowledge."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the librarian for the year 1885 : —

Number of days the library was open to the public,	283
Volumes issued during the year,	19,759
Largest daily issue,	291
Average daily issue,	71
Smallest daily issue,	4
Number of volumes added during the year, .	419
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1886,	9,067

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$688 79
Received rent from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association,	15 00
Received from town of Randolph (dog tax, 1884),	431 69
Received from town, interest on note,	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund,	510 00
Received for catalogues and papers sold,	3 50
Received for fines,	31 02
Received from banks for their proportion of heat,	69 50
Received from banks and others for their proportion of light,	113 80
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	\$2,763 30

Jan. 1, 1885.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,	\$766 44
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year,	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline,	140 16
Amount paid for fuel,	166 00
Amount paid for insurance,	43 75
Amount paid for printing and postage,	42 75
Amount paid for expressing,	18 13
Amount paid for sundry repairs,	9 95
Amount paid for sundry supplies,	15 11
Amount paid for supplementary catalogues,	403 32
Balance on hand,	532 69
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	\$2,763 30

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt and Royal T. Mann) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which

have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; that a cash balance of $\$532\frac{13}{100}$ is now in the treasury. We further find that all the appropriations made by the town or otherwise, the rents, the interest, and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured, and have at all times during the year exceeded the expenditures of the library. The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consists of \$5000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the further sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner Fund,' invested as follows:—

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1000 each.

"No appropriation of money from the town will be required to aid in meeting the current expenses of the ensuing year.'

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 10, 1886.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Jan. 16,	James Kennedy,	Thomas A. and Mary J. Gibbons.
24,	Ada F. Sloan,	Peter and Lydia C. Goldthwait.
24,	Ann L. Beyett,	Israel and Diantha J. Cook.
25,	Alice J. Forrest,	Richard and Mary E. Kane.
Feb. 1,	Francis J. O'Connor (dead),	Michael P. and Mary E. Crimmins.
2,	Winifred E. Gallagher, . .	Peter and Catharine F. Igo.
3,	Florence G. Holbrook, . .	George W. and Emily Copeland.
14,	Lena F. Winnett,	Frederick G. and Ida S. Randlett.
16,	Frank A. Alden,	Charles A. and Emma M. Alden.
17,	Joseph H. Mullins,	Timothy H. and Katie Foley.
25,	Alice G. Scannell,	Dennis N. and Mary A. Fahey.
March 1,	Patrick Donnovan,	Joseph and Margaret McMahon.
2,	Everett H. Munroe,	Frank and Lydia J. Taylor.
6,	Weldon J. Mann,	Alton H. and Josie Williams.
6,	Ella A. Faunce,	Hiram S. and Hannah E. Clark.
11,	Mary J. Perry,	Edward A. and Martha E. Turner.
18,	Alice L. Reynolds,	Herbert F. and Alice F. Buck.
19,	Alice M. Payne,	Frank C. and Alice C. Clark.
21,	Mary J. Smith,	Martin F. and Mary E. Callahan.
29,	— Jones, twin (dead), . .	Elbridge and Mary A. Mann.
29,	— Jones, twin (dead), . .	Elbridge and Mary A. Mann.
30,	Franklin J. Bacigalupo, . .	Gastemo and Jennie Church.
31,	Bessie A. Lawlor (dead), . .	Joseph and Nellie Downey.
April 12,	Arthur G. Foster,	Gustina and Elizabeth McAndrew.
19,	Fred Garland,	Charles and Harriet M. Sutherland.
22,	Lucy May Hayes (dead), . .	John J. and Katie E. Manning.
26,	Mary Dolan,	Charles S. and Catharine B. Walsh.
30,	Fanny L. Hurley,	William W. and Kate J. Hogan.
May 19,	Carrie G. Eddy,	George H. and Carrie L. Holbrook.
29,	Nellie M. Devine,	Michael and Margaret A. White.
31,	Blanche L. Hollis,	George and Caroline E. Stetson.
June 3,	Charles Francis Orcutt, . .	Orrin W. and Mary Louise Stickney.
4,	James Sullivan,	Michael and Mary Sullivan.
23,	Julia L. Schraut,	Simon and Anne M. Byier.
23,	Katie Moore,	Bernard and Hannah Dooley.
23,	— Sloan, illegitimate, . .	— Mary Sloan.
July 1,	Sarah B. Thayer,	John A. and Sarah M. Wrightington.
2,	Thomas Fardy,	James and Elizabeth Good.
4,	Bryant, Nichols,	George B. and Laura F. Bryant.
16,	Catharine J. Shields (dead),	William and Jane A. Peirce.
21,	Anna McGaughey,	Moses J. and Maggie M. Gill.
21,	— Bearce (dead),	J. Frank and Katie Brightman.
25,	Anna O'Brien,	James H. and May J. Dooley.
28,	William Kelliher,	Dennis and Rose H. Riley.
29,	Michael Lunnahan,	Nicholas and Mary Carey.
29,	Maud Alice Smith,	Charles and Alice Lyons.
August 9,	Jerome C. Hogan,	William J. and Helen C. Allard.
12,	Lavinia Minerva Mann, . .	Charles H. and Hannah Phillips.
19,	Oma L. Daniels,	Aaron O. and Clara L. Darling.
22,	Walter H. Jones,	Charles V. and Emma H. Mann.
31,	George Dumphy,	Michael P. and Elizabeth A. Donohue.
31,	Anna Rooney,	John P. and Margaret A. Riley.
Sept. 2,	William F. Kelly,	William F. and Rosanna McGuire.
5,	Cora E. Taber,	William A. and Anna E. Sullivan.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Sept.	11, Mary Gertrude White, . . .	Edward and Mary Meaney.
	13, Jennie L. Wright, . . .	Frederick T. and Jennie Haslar.
	13, James B. Riley, . . .	James T. and Mary McMahon.
	14, Thomas Foley, . . .	David J. and Katie F. Dolan.
	15, Bertha E. Devine, . . .	Thomas and Mary Dore.
15, John C. Conley, . . .	John A. and Catharine M. Welch.	Patrick M. and Letitia Ray.
25, Alice Kiley, . . .	Moses F. and Julia A. Delano.	Thomas and Elizabeth McKenzie.
26, Benjamin J. Mann, . . .	Patrick J. and Mary E. Brennan.	Michael and Mary Ann Toolin.
Oct.	23, Thomas J. Brady, . . .	Richard and Margaret A. McSweeney.
	15, Mary J. Sullivan, . . .	William F. and Mary E. Powderly.
	17, Alice Gagin, . . .	Herbert L. and Frances A. Mansfield.
	18, Mary McAuliffe, . . .	Hubert H. and Nellie F. Curran.
	18, Moses H. McGaughey, . . .	John H. and Sarah A. Wentworth.
19, Arthur M. White, . . .	B. Loxley and Lucy A. Myers.	Henry and Charlotte E. Roxburg.
25, Hubert Guinan, . . .	James and Honora McNery.	Ebenezer, Jr., and Sally P. Cline.
27, Leona B. Poole, . . .	Walter S. and Anna A. Alden.	Edward and Katie M. Roddan.
28, Mabel Lucy Clark, . . .	Albert E. and Edith A. Leach.	Robert W. and Anna Rooney.
28, Amy Madeline McCartney, . . .	Richmond and Cora L. Howard.	Frank and Eliza Orcutt.
29, ——— Halpin (dead), . . .	William A. and Alice M. Hayward.	Arthur M. and Alice W. Polloy.
Nov.	1, Lillian C. Moulton, . . .	John H. and Lillie M. Stetson.
	3, Eva May Clark, . . .	James F. and Mary P. Morgan.
	5, Mary O'Flaherty, . . .	Edward E. and Henrietta F. Mott.
	17, Ethel M. Jones, . . .	Robert and Harriet Uniac.
	23, Robert D. Ross, . . .	Michael B. and Mary J. Connors.
27, Annie L. Stetson, . . .	Thomas F. and Fanny E. Hogan.	
30, Albert L. Brown, . . .		
Dec.	6, Royal Abbott, . . .	
	18, Willie H. Dyer, . . .	
	25, Bessie M. Glover, . . .	
	25, Mary C. Gaynor, . . .	
	1884.	
15, Ethel H. Grover, . . .		
May	26, Walter F. Kelly, . . .	
	1883.	
June	17, John F. Crocker, . . .	
	Sept. 5, George E. English, . . .	

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1885.			
Jan. 10,	Frederick Hart Alden,	Randolph,	45
	Lizzie N. Restarick,	Boston,	20
22,	William Shields, Jr.,	Randolph,	28
	Jennie A. Pcirce,	"	17
Feb. 5,	Frederick W. Warburton,	Pawtucket, R.I.,	28
	Henrietta Babbitt,	Randolph,	20
12,	John P. Linfield,	Randolph,	74
	Abby M. Deane (Leonard), . . .	"	58
24,	Herbert Jones,	North Stoughton,	20
	Nellie F. Belcher,	Weymouth,	18
March 4,	John C. Labaree,	Randolph,	49
	Abby D. Cobb,	Tarrytown, N.Y.,	39
30,	William H. Felker,	East Stoughton,	55
	Emily A. Danforth (Chapin), . .	Randolph,	42
May 2,	Crohan Malley,	Randolph,	37
	Mary Donohue,	Boston,	30
20,	Henry T. Burrell,	Weymouth,	26
	Helen M. Field,	Randolph,	22
22,	Charles Lawless,	Stoughton,	30
	Sarah J. Carroll,	Randolph,	27
27,	Charles H. Belcher,	Randolph,	44
	Emma H. King,	"	33
27,	George E. Souper,	Newark, N.J.,	39
	Lura A. Gregg (King),	"	35
June 8,	James A. Neary,	Randolph,	32
	Hannah J. Manix,	"	25
13,	William J. Hogan,	Randolph,	22
	Helen C. Allard,	"	17
25,	Charles F. Sullivan,	Randolph,	31
	Mary E. Abbott (Tirrell), . . .	"	33
July 15,	Thomas F. Kiley,	Randolph,	26
	Joanna Creaton,	Fall River,	26
23,	Frederick H. Mann,	Randolph,	28
	Addie Tuttle,	South Abington,	30
Aug. 26,	Richmond Stetson,	Randolph,	23
	Cora Louisa Howard,	"	18
Sept. 13,	John F. Hickey,	Holbrook,	24
	Margaret O'Keefe,	Randolph,	23
15,	William Henry McDevitt,	Brockton,	24
	Catharine Augusta Clark, . . .	Stoughton,	17

DATE.		NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Sept.	20,	Hanford J. Cornwall, . . .	Brockton,	29
		Mary Alice Peters, . . .	"	18
Oct.	14,	John O'Neil,	Holbrook,	24
		Mary B. DeNeil,	Randolph,	24
	27,	Walter Scott Clark, . . .	Randolph,	33
		Anna A. Alden,	"	39
Nov.	14,	George H. B. Whitney, . .	Kingston,	29
		Addie Florence Morton, .	Randolph,	18
	4,	James Francis Sullivan, .	Randolph,	21
		Mary Elizabeth Foley, . .	"	20
Dec.	9,	Fred Russell,	Randolph,	23
		Maggie Brady,	"	23
	20,	E. F. Doble,	Weymouth,	21
		Alice F. Vining,	"	19
27,		John A. Sullivan,	Stoughton,	30
		Annie M. Grelish,	"	17

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1884.					
Jan. 5,	Willie Ashton Poole,	1	3	23	Diphtheria.
6,	Anna E. W. Howard (Bird),	44	6	5	Typhoid Pneumonia.
10,	Catharine Quinn (Muldoon),	72	6		Schirrus.
12,	John Rooney,	62			Morbus Cordis.
27,	Margaret Mahoney (Murray),	57			Phthisis.
Feb. 3,	Caroline Wentworth (Cobbett),	87	8	1	Fracture of Hip.
4,	Lucy A. Whitcomb (Nash),	70		7	Inanition.
5,	Marcella Waters (Farrell),	73			Heart Disease.
6,	Hannah Mahoney (Quirk),	52			Apoplexy.
7,	Oliver H. Leach,	65	8	11	Paralysis.
7,	Bridget Harty (Fitzgerald),	86			Heart Disease.
12,	Francis J. O'Connor,			12	Intestinal Obstruction.
14,	Robert Acherson,	27	3		Bright's Disease.
March 1,	Patrick McMahon,	80	9	15	Senile Gangrene.
4,	Mary H. Dickerman (Niles),	84	6	25	Old Age.
5,	William Thayer,	75			Pneumonia.
11,	Benjamin T. Bryant,	73			Asthma.
11,	Joseph Wales Harris,	70	4	14	Apoplexy.
13,	Mary Ellen White (Upham) (Baker),	51			Erysipelas.
26,	Louisa C. Reed,	72	3	3	Chronic Intestinal Ulcera- tion.
29,	— Jones (twin),			1	Infantile.
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April 8,	Catharine Sullivan (McDonough)	71			Senile Melancholia.
10,	Francis Hollis,	79	1	17	Paralysis.
10,	Margaret A. Gorton (Taylor),	44			Bright's Disease.
10,	Albert Emerson Baker,	2	10	5	Pneumonia.
10,	Edson M. Roel,	65	1	2	Pneumonia.
18,	Noah Holbrook,	71	8	29	Pneumonia.
16,	Emeline Bennett (Linfield),	67	9	12	Paralysis.
21,	Lydia A. Martin (Patridge),	42	11	7	Congestion of Lungs.
May 4,	Dennis B. Kelliher,	22	9	26	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
6,	Bessie A. Lawlor,		1	8	Tuberculosis Meningitis.
11,	Catharine E. Sinclair (Shepard),	29			Typhoid Fever.
11,	Lucy May Hayes,			26	Erysipelas.
15,	Bridget Agnes Gogan,	16	2	8	Typhoid Fever.
21,	Cora A. Holbrook,		4	26	Spinal Bifida.
June 11,	Samuel Chessman,	66	4	25	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
14,	Lewis E. Delano,	1	3	20	Croupal Diphtheria.
18,	Ellen G. Hand,	18	9	17	Scrofulosis.
23,	Stephen H. Guinan,	1	5	21	Measles.
28,	Edwin Chessman,	59	2		Intestinal Obstruction.
July 7,	Benjamin Thayer,	91	5	29	Old Age.
14,	Sylvia Tilson (Dickerman),	73		26	Caris of Mastoid.
31,	Elizabeth Barrett (Burke),	78	4		Old Age.
Aug. 3,	Henry Bradford Howard,	48	6	7	Typhoid Fever.
4,	Andrew J. Lyons,	28	11	20	Cancer.—
12,	Ruth Holbrook,	95	1	10	Carcinoma and Old Age.
14,	Patrick Wren,	66	5		Inflammation of Stomach and Bowels.
Sept. 4,	Mary Porter Mann,	15	4	3	Chorea.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Aug. 30,	Roxanna Purcell (Ward), . . .	33	7	27	Gastrito Enteritis.
31,	Luther F. Thayer, . . .	76	8	15	Heart Disease.
Sept. 1,	Thomas Dumphy, . . .	74			Bronchitis.
8,	Mary A. Madigan (Frehy), . . .	47			Morbus Cordis.
14,	Catharine Moore (Keegan), . . .	75			Inflammation of Stomach.
16,	John Reynolds, . . .	87			Old Age.
17,	Isabella O'Brien, . . .	1	0	5	Morbili Pneumonia.
18,	Ellen Ahearn, . . .	70			Ovarian Tumor.
Oct. 7,	Catharine Jane Shields, . . .		2	11	Marasmus.
11,	A. E. McGarigle (McLaughlan), . . .	29	3	18	Phthisis.
11,	Margaret Good (Welch), . . .	76			Consumption.
23,	George Fowkes, . . .	54			Pneumonia.
26,	Cinderilla Jones, . . .	59	10	15	Cancer.
29,	Halpin, . . .			1	Premature Birth.
Nov. 9,	Mary Maney (Carroll), . . .	44			Consumption.
16,	Nellie Tirrell, . . .	12	11	16	Consumption.
17,	Esther Ann Belcher, . . .	48	11	1	Tumor.
24,	Mary Ann Fitzgerald (Smith), . . .	42			Phthisis Pulmonalis.
29,	Luke O'Reilly, . . .	45	8	21	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
30,	Harriet Ryan, . . .	76		9	Paralysis.
Dec. 3,	Royal S. Holbrook, . . .	81		1	Phthisis Esophagitis.
8,	Thomas Mulligan, . . .	67			Acute Nephritis.
20,	George L. Kennedy, . . .	26	8	26	Consumption.
26,	Ebenezer Kingman, . . .	61	9	15	Atrophic Cirrhosis.

Under 5 years of age	13
Between 5 years and 10 years	0
" 10 " " 20 "	4
" 20 " " 30 "	6
" 30 " " 40 "	1
" 40 " " 50 "	9
" 50 " " 60 "	6
" 60 " " 70 "	8
" 70 " " 80 "	18
" 80 " " 90 "	6
" 90 " " 100 "	2
Total	73
The average age of the 73 who died is	49 years

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Asthenia, Bronchitis, Caris Mastoid, Chorea, Carcinoma, Acute Nephritis, Croupal Diphtheria, Congestion of Lungs, Atrophic Cirrhosis, Chronic Intestinal Ulceration, Diphtheria, Fracture of Hip, Tuberculus Meningitis, Spinal Bifida, Scrofulosis, Measles, Gastrito Enteritis, Inanition, Morbili Pneumonia, Ovarian Tumor, Marasmus, Typhoid Pneumonia, Schirrus, Senile Gangrene, Senile Melancholia, Premature Birth, Tumor, Phthisis Esophagitis, one each	23
Erysipelas, Intestinal Obstruction, Cancer, Inflammation Stomach and Bowels, Phthisis, Morbus Cordis, Apoplexy, Bright's Disease, Infantile, two each	18
Typhoid Fever, Heart Disease, three each	6
Phthisis Pulmonalis, Old Age, Consumption, Paralysis, four each	16
Pneumonia	5
Total	73

Any person perceiving any error in the record of Births, Marriages and Deaths will please report them to me, and have the same corrected.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said
County,* GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also one trustee for Stetson School Fund, for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray the general town ex-

penses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 8. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 12. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post 110, G.A.R.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of taking up all town notes now outstanding, and issue new notes therefor, making them payable two thousand dollars per year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1886.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the trustees of Stetson High School fund to allow the firemen and all societies of the town, the use of Stetson Hall, free of charge, except the janitor's fee, such fee to be as low as possible, as petitioned for by Michael J. Daly and others.

ART. 20. To hear and act on the report of any committee and to choose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this nineteenth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: THOMAS FARRELL,
Constable of Randolph.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FROM JANUARY 1, 1876,
TO JANUARY 1, 1886.

COMPILED BY F. C. GRANGER, M.D.

A retrospective glance at the mortality of Randolph for the past ten years may not be wholly unprofitable or uninteresting, yet the compilation of vital statistics demands no small amount of labor to make them intelligible and useful. It is a lamentable fact all over the world where certificates of death are required, that too little attention is paid to careful and scientific reports by those whose duty by law it becomes to make them, hence positive data are often difficult to obtain and approximations only can be arrived at.

In a number of instances symptoms of a disease are returned for the disease itself, *e.g.*, dropsy, which is not a disease of itself, but the result of the disease of some organ.

A class, also, is denominated as "unknown," under which such ambiguous returns as "both lungs diseased,"—no allusion whether acute or chronic — "skin disease, dissipation, congestion" — of what? — "fever, enlargement of the glands of the stomach, sudden cold," &c., are classed.

The neglect of the return of the sex of 25 is certainly inexcusable.

It argues well for longevity to note that while 27% of the whole number of deaths are under 5, the next largest percentage is between the ages of 70 and 80, which is 14% ; the

next, between 60 and 70, which is 12%, while 1% lived to between 90 and 100.

This study has been directed particularly to the mortality from consumption, pneumonia and diphtheria. These have been tabulated in respect to months, sex and age. See "Summary A."

CONSUMPTION.

There were reported 133 deaths, of which 71 were males and 62 females, with an average age of 45 and 37, respectively, the oldest being 81 and the youngest 6 months.

The distribution of deaths through the several months of the year somewhat changes the popular idea, as the "uneven April" and the "sunny June" each record more deaths than the "uphill of May."

PNEUMONIA.

The whole number of returns for the decade was 67, of which 28 were males and 39 females, whose average ages were respectively 50 and 48 years, the oldest being 83, and the youngest 1 year.

In 1887, no return of death from pneumonia was made, while July is the only month in which no death occurred; but 1882 rolls up the unusual number of 15.

DIPHTHERIA.

Although no death was reported from pneumonia in 1877, diphtheria made fearful havoc, there being 38 deaths in one year, and in a period of fifteen months, from December, 1876, to March, 1878, 44 deaths, or about 71% of the whole number of deaths from this disease for the ten years. During the years of 1880 and 1883 no death from diphtheria was

reported. Of the 62 deaths, 36 were males and 26 females, with an average age of $4\frac{3}{4}$ and 5 years.

OLD AGE.

It seems that had more care been exercised in diagnosis, fewer than 53 deaths would have been returned from this cause. Of this number, 27 were males and 26 females, with the average ages of 81 and 82 years, respectively.

CASUALTIES.

Under this head have been arranged as follows: Deaths from lightning, run over, falling, cutting throat, each 1; shooting, 2, hanging, 4, drowning, 5, railroad accident, 7, and asphyxia, 8: in all, 30.

SUMMARY A.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per Cent.	Males.	Av. Age.	Females.	Av. Age.
Consumption,	12	11	10	14	10	14	6	9	10	14	14	9	133	18	71	45	62	37
Pneumonia,	11	8	10	10	8	5	0	1	1	3	8	2	67	9	28	50	39	48
Diphtheria	10	11	3	5	5	11	2	1	5	5	4	2	62	8	36	43	26	5

SUMMARY B.

Abscess Cerebral,	1	Dentition,	2
Abscess Maxillary,	1	Diabetes,	2
Abscess Perinephritic,	2	Diphtheria,	62
Anæmia,	2	Dropsy,	8
Anthrax,	1	Dysentery,	3
Aphtha,	1	Epilepsy,	3
Apoplexy,	39	Erysipelas,	7
Ascaris Lumbricoides,	1	Fracture of Hip,	1
Asthenia,	6	Gangrene,	2
Atelecstasis,	1	Gangrene Senile,	1
Atrophic Cirrhosis,	1	Gastritis,	6
Bilious Fever,	1	General Debility,	8
Brain "	28	Heart Disease,	37
Bright's Disease,	16	Hepatitis,	6
Bronchitis,	1	Hernia,	1
Cancer,	21	Hydrargysm,	1
Canker,	1	Infantile,	41
Caries of Spine,	1	Inflammation of Bowels,	11
" " Mastoid,	1	" " Throat,	1
Casualties,	30	Intestinal Obstruction,	4
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis,	7	Intussusception,	2
" " Sclerosis,	7	Jaundice,	1
Cholera Infantum,	18	Laryngitis,	1
Chorea,	1	Locomotor Ataxia,	1
Congenital Malformation,	1	Lupus,	1
Consumption,	133	Malaria,	1
Convulsions,	14	Marasmus,	12
Croup,	9	Measles,	1
Cyanosis,	1	Neurosthenia,	3
Cystitis,	3		

Old Age,	53	Renal Calculus,	1
Orchitis,	1	Rheumatism,	1
Ovarian Tumor,	1	Scarlatina,	3
Paralysis Agitans,	1	Scrofula,	5
Peritonitis,	6	Senile Melancholia,	1
Phlebetis,	1	Septicæmia,	6
Pleuritis,	1	Softening of Brain,	4
Pneumonia,	67	Spina Bifida,	4
Posterior Spinal Sclero-		Stillborn,	20
sis,	1	Stomatitis,	1
Puerperal Fever,	4	Tumor,	4
" Mania,	1	" Fibroid,	1
Purpura Hæmorrhagica,	1	Typhoid Fever,	15
Pyæmia,		Unknown,	13
		Whooping Cough,	4

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GENERAL SUMMARY.															
	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Total.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.
1876	33	34	2	69	18	3	3	7	5	7	6	9	5	5	1
1877	48	62	0	110	47	14	7	10	5	4	3	4	2	8	
1878	34	40	0	74	25	2	5	9	3	4	4	7	9	6	
1879	37	43	0	80	26	5	2	4	6	5	6	10	8	8	
1880	33	34	8	73	13	2	3	6	2	7	9	15	10	4	2
1881	41	33	2	76	21	2	4	9	5	6	7	7	8	6	1
1882	40	50	4	94	18	1	3	10	4	6	9	10	23	9	1
1883	40	31	3	74	17	1	2	6	4	3	8	14	14	4	1
1884	39	35	5	79	20	3	2	6	3	9	8	9	13	5	1
1885	31	39	3	73	13	0	4	6	1	9	6	8	18	6	2
Totals	376	401	25	802	218	33	35	73	38	60	66	93	116	61	9
Per cent	47	50	3		27	4	4	9	5	7	8	12	14	8	1

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1886-7.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN B. THAYER.

RUFUS A. THAYER.

PETER B. HAND.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JOHN B. WREN,	. . . . .	Term expires April 1, 1887.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN,	. . . . .	" " 1, 1888.
THOMAS DOLAN,	. . . . .	" " 1, 1889.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

WINSLOW BATTLES,	. . . . .	Term expires April 1, 1887.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN,	. . . . .	" " 1, 1888.
JOHN B. WREN,	. . . . .	" " 1, 1889.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.

ELISHA MANN, JR.

CHARLES F. McMAHON.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	HENRY H. SHEDD.
FRANK J. DONAHOE.	MICHAEL STANTON.
E. LAWRENCE PAYNE.	JOHN P. ROONEY.
GEORGE E. EASTON.	

Tax Collector.

THOMAS DOLAN.

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM MANN.

WALES FRENCH.

DANIEL LAHEY.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.	GEORGE H. WILKINS.	HIRAM C. ALDEN.
JAMES FARDY.		

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHAS. A. WALES, <i>Chief</i> .	WILLIAM A. CROAK, <i>Clerk</i> .	JOHN HANEY.
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Superintendent of Almshouse.

CALVIN SANFORD.

Keeper of Lockup.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

ALLEN A. BELCHER, of Randolph.

HENRY FITZPATRICK, of Stoughton.

MAY 14 1963

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

To the Inhabitants of Randolph:

In accordance with the requirements and custom for the last fifty years, the report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor is herewith submitted for your careful perusal and consideration.

At the last annual meeting the sum of two thousand dollars was appropriated for the reduction of the Town debt. The debt has been reduced the past year, as per Treasurer's report, eighteen hundred and ninety dollars and forty-seven cents.

HIGHWAYS.

The repairs of highways during the past year, as in the previous year, have been under the charge of highway surveyors elected at the annual meeting. The sum of two thousand dollars was appropriated for this purpose. The whole amount expended has been two thousand three hundred and seventy-six dollars and thirty-six cents (\$2,376.36).

SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for this purpose. Seventy-six dollars of this sum had already been expended on bridges and washout previous to the annual meeting. As per recommendation of the Selectmen of last year, we have rebuilt Depot Street. The sum of five hundred and thirty-four dollars has been expended, exceeding our estimate to some extent.

PAVING.

Three hundred dollars were appropriated for this work. We have expended a part of this sum at the head of Howard and Union streets, where it cost the town considerable annually to keep it in condition. We think it a good investment. We then decided to spend the remainder on the east side of Main street, as contemplated for years. The water flowing down from the hill has caused much trouble, remaining in front of the post-office. In trying to carry the water past this point, we were obliged to continue the paving farther than the appropriation would permit, making the whole cost for paving three hundred and seventy dollars. This work should be continued the present season as far as the bridge, where it will empty into the stream that flows past that point.

APPROPRIATIONS,

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,000 00
Stetson high school,	2,000 00
repairs of highways,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	12,200 00
reduction of the town debt,	2,000 00
fire department,	1,980 00
enforcement of laws,	400 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
medical attendance on the poor,	300 00
county tax,	1,323 16
State tax,	1,950 00
Total,	<u>\$33,253 16</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1886.

Real estate,	\$1,469,550 00
Personal estate,	532,830 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the State,	234,000 00
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	227,947 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,464,327 00</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1886, \$13.20 on \$1000.

Number of polls May 1, 1886,	1,164
dwellings May 1, 1886,	790½
horses " " " 	342
cows " " " 	206
acres of land taxed May 1, 1886	5,832

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1887.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$12,000 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses, and lockup,	4,200 00
One hook and-ladder carriage and apparatus,	1,200 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,150 00
One hearse, \$200; ten acres salt marsh, \$500,	700 00
Twenty acres land, Upham lot,	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00

School-house and land, District No. 4, . . .	\$5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5, . . .	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6, . . .	1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land, . . .	15,000 00
Eight shares in the Randolph National Bank, . .	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value, . . .	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value, . . .	1,000 00
Turner free library, . . .	5,000 00
Turner free library, building and land, . . .	40,000 00
Turner free library fund, . . .	5,000 00
Turner fund, . . .	10,000 00
Total, . . .	<u>\$154,090 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$32,867.

On account of schools, . . .	\$8,890 22
of Stetson high school, . . .	2,000 00
of highways, . . .	2,977 49
of removing snow, . . .	333 02
of paving, . . .	370 76
of town officers, . . .	1,978 30
of state aid, . . .	1,560 50
of military aid, . . .	1,527 83
of decoration of soldiers' graves, . .	100 00
of abatement of taxes, . . .	292 70
of funeral expenses, . . .	287 00
of fire department . . .	1,968 63
of miscellaneous expenses, . . .	1,752 80

On account of poor in almshouse,	2,629 63
of poor out of almshouse,	3,368 51
of poor of Randolph and Holbrook,	1,010 54
of poor of other towns,	1,369 43
of state paupers and tramps,	160 09
water supply,	289 55
Total,	<u>\$32,867 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
For schools,	\$8,000 00	\$8,890 23
Income from other sources,	867 36	
Stetson high school,	2,000 00	2,000 00
For Poor out of almshouse,		
state paupers and tramps,	3,600 00	*3,528 60
Poor in almshouse,	2,000 00	*1,810 58
Poor belonging to Randolph		
and Holbrook,	800 00	*673 69
Poor of other towns,		†1,369 43
Repairs of highways,	2,000 00	2,367 36
Special repairs of highways,	500 00	†610 14
Removing snow,	200 00	333 02
Paving,	300 00	370 76
Town officers,	2,000 00	1,978 30
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00	1,752 80
Fire department,	1,980 00	1,968 63
State aid,		†1,560 50
Military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ from state,	800 00	610 59
Abatement of taxes,		292 70
Decoration of soldiers'		
graves,	100 00	100 00

* Net expense.

† To be refunded.

‡ Net cost.

For Funeral expenses, . . .	\$287 00
Water supply, . . .	289 55

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1. — ISAAC N. LINFIELD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, scraping roads,	\$31 18
William Hill, labor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	27 14
George F. French, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	9 63
James Blythe, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Michael Sheridan, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Michael Lagan, labor 3 days, . . .	5 25
Isaac N. Linfield, single team, $19\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	68 25
Joseph Donovan, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	14 88
Thomas Good and others, . . .	9 68
Matthew Graham, labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	25 00
Patrick Carroll, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	13 12
John O'Keefe, labor, $8\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	15 22
Patrick Bohan, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Thomas Duff, labor, $7\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	12 60
John Desmond, labor, $7\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	12 60
James Carroll, labor, $6\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	10 85
F. Sutton, labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Moran with team, $\frac{3}{10}$ day, . . .	1 05
Town team, single, $14\frac{3}{5}$ days, . . .	25 20
Thomas Whalen, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
James Mahar, labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Mrs. Thomas F. Lynch, 103 loads gravel, . . .	10 30
Ebenezer Alden, 61 loads gravel, . . .	6 10
James Fardy, repairing, . . .	10 40
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	\$329 45

DISTRICT NO. 3. — JAMES RILEY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping	
roads,	\$38 98
John Desmond, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Thomas Duff, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Morris Scanlan, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Alby Hunt, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Florence Sullivan, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Ebenezer Holbrook, for labor, 5 days, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
hours,	10 02
Soriana Jones, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Thomas Johnston, for labor, 19 days, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
hours,	35 69
James Blythe, for labor, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	4 37
Joseph Crosby, for labor, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	4 37
Charles Mann and team, 3 days, 8 hours, .	12 80
Charles Mann, for labor, 8 days, 3 hours, .	15 16
Edwin Riley, for labor, 3 hours, . .	52
James Riley and team, 14 days, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours, .	54 57
James Riley, for labor, 12 days, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, .	24 51
Thomas Jones, for labor, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	7 87
Fred. H. Howard, for labor, 2 days, . .	3 50
Willie O. Mann, for labor, 3 days, . .	5 25
Ralph Mann, for labor, 2 days, . . .	2 00
Joseph Riley, for labor, 2 days, . .	2 00
Patrick Clark, for labor, 2 days, . .	2 00
James Carroll, for labor, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	8 88
Thomas Whalen, for labor, 6 days, 4 hours, .	11 21
Charles Alden, for labor, 2 days, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, .	4 77
Newton Clark, for labor, 2 days, 8 hours, .	4 91
Ansel Manni, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50

Paid Michael Lagan, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	\$4 37
Amasa S. Niles, 66 loads of gravel, . . .	6 33
Joshua Hunt, 24 loads of gravel, . . .	2 16
James Riley, stone,	1 00
Andrew Nightingale, for labor, 1 day, $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	3 24
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	\$305 48

DISTRICT NO. 5. — MARTIN L. EDDY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$15 59
Martin L. Eddy, labor, $18\frac{2}{5}$ days, . . .	32 17
Martin L. Eddy, picking stones, . . .	2 85
Sylvanus Thayer, labor, 11 days, 3 hours, . . .	19 77
Alva M. Nightingale, labor, 11 days, 3 hours,	19 77
Andrew Nightingale, labor, 11 days, 3 hours,	19 77
A. M. Dyer, labor, 1 day, 9 hours, . . .	3 33
John Devine, labor, 6 days, 4 hours, . . .	11 20
Michael Lee, labor, 3 days,	5 25
Manus Gallagher, single team, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	26 25
Francis Stetsón, single team, 9 days, . . .	31 50
Town team, single team, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	10 06
Morton Holbrook, labor, 2 days,	3 50
Rufus A. Thayer, carting stone,	5 00
Thomas Donahoe, labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days,	5 59
James Googan, 22 loads of gravel,	2 20
Mrs. Amasa Clark, 141 loads of gravel, . . .	11 28
Martin L. Eddy, 107 loads of gravel,	8 56
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	\$233 64

DISTRICT NO. 6. — JAMES KEENAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid M. P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$38 96
James Keenan, single team, 25 days, . . .	87 50
James Keenan, labor, 9 days, . . .	15 75
Michael Ford, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	7 88
Michael Ford, team, 3 days, . . .	10 50
Joseph Crosby, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
John Meaney, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John Meaney, team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
John B. McGrane, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
James Sutton, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
William C. Barry, labor, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	18 38
Patrick Carroll, team, 2 days, . . .	7 00
James Barry, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Patrick Mahoney, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Michael Lagan, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
James Blythe, labor, 10 days, . . .	17 50
Boys, labor,	1 50
Robert McAuliffe, team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
Thomas Devine, team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
Patrick Mahon, labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Patrick Crosby, labor, $3\frac{6}{10}$ days, . . .	6 30
John Desmond, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Lawrence Ormsby, labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
William C. Barry, 23 loads gravel, . . .	1 15
Michael Ford, 162 loads gravel, . . .	8 10
John Manning, 179 loads gravel, . . .	8 95
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	\$285 47

DISTRICT NO. 7. — THOMAS GOOD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, scraping roads,	\$15 59
Thomas Good, single team, $23\frac{2}{5}$ days,	82 60
Thomas Good, labor, 15 days,	26 25
Thomas Good and others,	9 94
Patrick Bohan, labor, $31\frac{1}{10}$ days,	57 15
George B. Dench, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	4 74
John Desmond, labor, $14\frac{8}{10}$ days,	25 89
Thomas Mulligan, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
Thomas Duff, labor, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days,	18 37
Matthew Graham, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
James Hurley, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
Michael Brady, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
Michael Lee, labor, $10\frac{6}{10}$ days,	18 54
John Gill, labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days,	3 15
Thomas Harris, labor, $11\frac{1}{5}$ days,	23 35
George Peirce, labor, 11 days,	30 25
Edward Perry, labor, $\frac{9}{10}$ day,	2 25
Richard Uniack, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
John T. Flood, trustee, 123 loads gravel,	8 61
S. B. Corliss, labor and stone,	19 00
Dennis McCarty, stone,	6 50
Charles A. Wales, 175 loads gravel,	12 25
Thomas Harris, rails,	1 50
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	\$375 53

DISTRICT NO. 8. — THOMAS MORAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid M. P. Pike and others, scraping roads,	\$15 80
Thomas Moran, single team, $36\frac{8}{10}$ days,	130 61
“ “ labor, $6\frac{4}{10}$ days	11 73

Paid Robert McAuliffe, single team, $13\frac{4}{10}$ days,	\$49 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $1\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	2 98
Michael Sheridan, labor, 7 days, . . .	12 25
John Meaney, labor, $1\frac{2}{10}$ days, . . .	4 20
David Ahearn, labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Thomas Riley, labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	3 23
Robert Uniack, labor, $\frac{3}{10}$ day, . . .	60
Peter B. Hand, labor, $\frac{3}{10}$ day, . . .	60
Michael Lagan, labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Patrick Crosby, labor, $13\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	23 97
William Shields, labor, $15\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	25 52
Timothy Kiley, labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Timothy McAuliffe, labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Duff, labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Joseph Crosby, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	4 38
John O. Keefe, labor, $9\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	17 25
John Carroll, single team, 3 days, . . .	10 50
Patrick Bohan, labor, $23\frac{4}{10}$ days, . . .	40 88
Patrick Mahon, labor, 5 days, . . .	8 76
Patrick Welsh, labor, $6\frac{2}{10}$ days, . . .	10 84
John Shields, labor, $20\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	35 44
George Peirce, labor on bridge, . . .	4 40
James Barry, labor, $4\frac{2}{10}$ days, . . .	7 30
Florence Sullivan, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	4 67
John Desmond, labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Jeremiah Shields, labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Moran, sundries, . . .	1 23
Town team, $5\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	18 70
Mrs. Mackedon, 111 loads gravel, . . .	7 77
Estate of Thomas F. Lynch, 338 loads gravel, . . .	29 06
Thomas Moran, 2 loads gravel, . . .	14

Paid H. B. Alden, 61 loads gravel, . . .	\$4 66
S. B. Corliss, stone,	1 50
John B. Thayer, labor,	4 00
H. B. Libby, lumber,	1 50
E. A. Perry, labor,	30
James Blythe, labor, 5 hours, . . .	87
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	\$531 39

DISTRICT NO. 10. — JEDEDIAH FRENCH, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, scraping roads,	\$15 60
Jedediah French, labor, $22\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	43 60
Morton Holbrook, labor, $14\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	25 37
Henry J. G. Burrell, labor, $11\frac{4}{5}$ days, . .	20 65
Francis Howard, labor, 8 days,	12 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 20 days,	35 00
Thomas Johnston, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	11 37
Ebenezer Holbrook, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	6 12
Noah Chessman, labor, 1 day,	1 75
Herbert Mann, labor, 1 day,	1 75
Zebedee Thayer, labor, 1 day,	1 75
Albert Howard, labor, 1 day,	1 50
John Devine, labor, 1 day,	1 75
Town team, single, 1 day,	1 75
Josiah Clark, single, 4 days,	14 00
George P. Burrell, single, $7\frac{6}{10}$ days, . .	26 60
A. G. Swain, single, 8 days,	28 00
Daniel Kiley, single, 4 days,	14 00
Mrs. Amasa Clark, 83 loads gravel, . . .	12 45
Aaron Prescott, 249 loads gravel . . .	29 59
M. M. Alden, lumber,	1 80
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Total,	\$306 40

HIGHWAYS, SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Paid James Reilly and others, repairing washout,	\$6 30
Royal T. Mann, labor on bridge, . . .	95
John O'Keefe, 2 days	3 50
James Carroll, with team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
Charles A. Wales, 17 loads of gravel, . .	1 19
Annie Wales, use of driveway,	3 00
William S. Hill, care of lights at bridge, .	1 50
F. H. Langley, repairs,	10 88
George Peirce, labor on bridge,	10 00
Thomas Kiley, 18 loads of gravel,	1 80
James Reilly, 51 loads of gravel, and labor,	25 50
S. B. Corliss, stone,	5 40
Peter B. Hand, labor,	2 50
Ephraim Mann, single team, $12\frac{8}{10}$ days, .	44 88
Charles Mann, single team, $11\frac{1}{10}$ days, . .	38 85
Josiah Clark, horse and cart, $3\frac{3}{10}$ days, .	5 77
Town team, horse and cart, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	30 63
Daniel Kiley, single team, 14 days, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	32 69
Thomas Moran, single team, 7 days, . . .	24 50
Royal T. Mann, single team, $4\frac{8}{10}$ days, . .	16 80
Robert McAuliffe, single team, 4 days, $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	16 97
Robert McAuliffe, labor, 1 day, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	3 06
James Reilly, single team, 16 days, $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours,	57 58
James Reilly, labor, 16 days, $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . .	32 90
Thomas Johnston, labor, $14\frac{9}{10}$ days, . . .	26 07
Thomas Whalen, labor, $15\frac{1}{2}$ days,	27 13
Charles A. Alden, labor, $14\frac{6}{10}$ days, . . .	25 55
Florence Sullivan, labor, 14 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour,	24 58
Thomas Duff, labor, 14 days, $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . .	25 99

Paid John McGrane, labor, $11\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	\$19 77
Patrick Barry, labor, 7 days, $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	13 73
Philip Reilly, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
David Ahearn, labor, 14 days, $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	25 11
Michael Lagan, labor, 11 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, . . .	19 34
John Gill, labor, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	4 02
Patrick Mahon, labor, 6 days, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	10 94
John O'Keefe, labor, 3 days, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	6 56
William Hill, labor, 10 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, . . .	17 59
Thomas Daley, labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	3 15
Joseph Donavan, labor, 8 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, . . .	14 09
William Barry, labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
James Barry, labor, 3 days, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	5 69
Thomas Ward, labor, 3 days, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	5 52
James Carroll, labor, $5\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	10 15
James Blythe, labor, 1 day, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . .	2 19
Patrick Crosby, labor, $3\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	6 65
John Desmond, labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days, . . .	3 15
James Carroll, 75 loads stone, at 35 cents, . . .	26 25
Robert McAuliffe, 5 loads stone, . . .	1 75
Aaron Prescott, 150 loads gravel, . . .	18 00
George Fowkes, care of light, . . .	1 70
H. B. Libby, labor and stock, . . .	1 50

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327 loads loam, town farm, . . .	\$98 10
51 loads gravel, and labor, . . .	25 50
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	123 60
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	\$610 14

PAVING.

Paid Charles A. Alden, for labor, . . .	\$1 76
James McNabb, for stone, . . .	2 00
Joseph Labreck, for stone, . . .	19 50
Thomas Duff, for labor, . . .	23 62
Patrick Carroll, for labor, 14½ days, . .	23 62
Matthew Graham, for labor, 13½ days, .	29 00
James Carroll, for labor, 12 days, . .	21 00
John O'Keefe, for labor, 12½ days, . .	21 87
Thomas Riley, for labor, 1 day, . .	1 75
James Blythe, for labor, 9½ days, . .	16 62
Robert McAuliffe, for labor, 11 days, .	19 25
Robert McAuliffe, team, 3 days, . .	5 25
Patrick McMahon, for labor, 3½ days, .	6 12
William Hill, for labor, 6½ days, . .	11 37
John Shields, for labor, 1½ days, . .	2 62
Frederick Miller, for labor, ¼ day, . .	44
William Shields, for labor, 5½ days, . .	9 62
Patrick Bohen, for labor, 6 days, . .	10 50
Manus Gallagher, for labor, 2 days, . .	3 50
Town team, for labor, 23 days, . .	40 25
Thomas Moran, team, 5 days, 8 hours, .	20 30
Patrick Welsh, for labor, 2 days, 8 hours, .	4 90
Thomas Fardy & Son, . . .	2 80
Charles A. Wales, 21 loads of gravel, .	2 10
John Wales, 2 loads of stone, . .	20
John V. Beal, 11 loads of stone, . .	1 10
John Desmond, 13 loads of stone, . .	1 30
John Carroll, 4 loads of stone, . .	40
J. McCarthy, 26 loads of stone, . .	2 60
Seth Mann, 11 loads of stone, . .	1 10

Paid John T. Flood, 53 loads of gravel, . . .	\$4 24
Samuel Capen, 12 loads of stone, . . .	1 20
John Desmond, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	6 13
H. Gore & Co., for labor, . . .	47 95
Mrs. Thomas Lynch, 23 loads of gravel, . . .	2 30
M. M. Alden, stakes and labor, . . .	2 13
Twine and kerosene oil, . . .	35
Total	<u>\$370 76</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Martin L. Eddy and others, . . .	\$36 85
Royal T. Mann, . . .	1 60
Jedediah French and others, . . .	53 40
James Keenan and others, . . .	40 95
Lawrence White, . . .	1 00
Thomas Moran and others, . . .	58 82
James Reilly and others, . . .	82 60
John O'Keefe, . . .	2 00
Thomas Good, . . .	28 80
Matthew Graham, . . .	27 00
	<u>\$333 02</u>

WATER SUPPLY.

Paid Gaston & Whitney, professional services, .	\$100 00
M. M. Tidd, engineer, . . .	167 75
J. White Belcher, expenses, 1885, . . .	21 80
	<u>\$289 55</u>
Paid by town of Holbrook, . . .	\$133 87
Paid by town of Randolph, , . .	155 68
	<u>\$289 55</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid John B. Thayer,	\$400 00
Rufus A. Thayer,	300 00
Peter B. Hand,	300 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Thomas Dolan,	125 00
John B. Wren,	100 00
Thaddeus T. Cushman,	100 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John T. Flood,	50 00
Hiram C. Alden,	75 00
George W. Wales,	50 00
J. White Belcher,	32 14
George H. Wilkins,	17 86

COLLECTING TAXES.

Paid Frank N. Deane, collector 1885,	331 30
Town Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1886,	10 00
Engineers of Fire Department for services to May 1, 1886,	87 00
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	\$1,978 30

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110, G.A.R.,	\$100 00
Total,	<hr/>
	\$100 00

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account state), . . .	\$1,560 50
Total,	<u>\$1,560 50</u>

MILITARY AID (Chapter 30, Section 10).

Paid sundry persons (as per account state) ..	\$1,527 83
One half paid by the state,	763 91
Total paid by the town,	<u>\$763 92</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid F. N. Deane, for the year 1885, . . .	\$292 70
Total,	<u>\$292 70</u>

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 82 funerals, . .	\$287 00
Total,	<u>\$287 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see Engineers' report),	\$1,968 63
Total,	<u>\$1,968 63</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town reports,	\$268 80
Daniel H. Huxford, publishing jury list, warrants, notices, &c.,	90 25

Paid Colin Boyd, care of hall at town meetings, rooms used by town officers, posting notices, &c.,	\$51 85
Charles E. Higgins, painting lockup, &c.,	18 60
John B. Thayer, for manure and cash paid,	45 45
Peter B. Hand, copying tax book, . . .	25 00
John Desmond, labor on manure, . . .	3 94
Royal T. Mann, labor on returns, . . .	7 00
" " " labor on books, . . .	5 00
" " " team to Holbrook, . . .	1 50
Frank H. Langley, labor and stock, . . .	5 00
Hussey, Howe & Co., merchandise, . . .	13 46
J. White Belcher, insurance, . . .	303 46
E. A. Perry, services as watchman, . . .	1 75
William B. Spear, cleaning weights and ex- pense on seals,	5 60
F. Doane & Co., . . . , . . .	15 50
John H. Field, wrappers, . . .	2 11
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance, . . .	61 00
Frank J. Donahue, special service . . .	64 50
E. Lawrence Payne, " " . . .	64 50
George E. Easton, " " . . .	64 50
John P. Rooney, " " . . .	64 50
George B. Dench, as watchman, . . .	10 00
Charles H. Darling, tax book, . . .	1 25
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, . . .	10 00
John T. Cartwright, repairs on harness . . .	3 00
Henry H. Shedd, special service, . . .	64 50
" " " as watchman, . . .	5 75
M. Norton Hunt, damages, . . .	7 85
A. W. Mitchell, badges, . . .	4 55
J. B. Rhines, lumber, . . .	19 94

Paid George W. Wales, postage,	\$2 79
D. B. White & Co., goods,	18 97
Fairbanks, Brown & Co.,	4 00
Town of Stoughton, tax on Upham lot, .	8 10
Thomas Farrell, special service, . . .	64 50
" " notifying town officers, and	
warrants,	32 00
Frank A. Stanley, labor	4 50
A. J. Gove, sundry bills,	12 90
Edwin M. Mann, four cords wood, . . .	30 50
William B. Hathaway,	48 25
Charles A. Wales, labor and merchandise,	9 85
Eleazer Beal, surveying	2 00
James Fardy, labor and stock,	10 85
Michael Stanton, special service, . . .	69 50
Charles Prescott, ink,	08
R. Houghton, notifying medical examiner,	6 00
Peter B. Hand, expenses to Waltham and	
Boston,	6 00
Fred A. Spear, printing,	14 75
R. A. Thayer, expense to Boston, Braintree	
and Quincy,	13 15
Selectmen, as Board of Health,	60 00
Wales Bros., repairs on pumps,	4 00
Post 110, G.A.R.,	20 00
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	\$1,752 80

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1887 : —

The amount expended in the several departments is less than for the preceding year, and does not exceed the appropriation made at the last annual meeting. The almshouse property has continued under the care of Mr. Calvin Sanford and wife, and we are satisfied that the neatness and good order existing throughout the premises are ample evidence of their ability to manage such an institution, and to properly care for its inmates.

The crops from the farm have been very satisfactory, but the town horses have not been so constantly employed upon the streets as usual, and have earned the sum of \$157.29, which amount is nearly \$200 less than for the previous year.

The number of inmates at the almshouse during the year was twenty-three. Average number eighteen and three fourths.

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN ALMSHOUSE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

David McKay.	Lewis Linfield.
Lysander Holbrook.	William Doyle.
Edmund Eddy.	James E. Upham.
Otis Hobart.	William Morrissey, Jr.
Maggie Morrissey.	Mary A. Esty.
Polly Eddy.	Mary A. Maxfield.
Francis McMath.	Catherine Heeney.

Ann Holbrook.	Ellen Buckley.
Teressa Long.	William Shea.
Maggie Quinlan.	Annie R. Brunbury.
Rose Brunbury.	Mary Brunbury.
Bartholomew Brunbury.	

SUPPORT AND EXPENSES FOR ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid T. Fardy & Son, labor and stock, . . .	\$4 50
John F. Fowkes, repairs,	6 35
McWilliams & Co., butter,	10 11
C. J. Littlefield, supplies	2 25
W. L. Wilkins, "	6 32
Oliver & Jones, "	5 00
J. Bigelow, "	1 50
Cheney, Upham & Co., supplies, . .	1 15
Charles H. North & Co., " . . .	2 60
Charles E. Higgins, labor and stock, . .	51 30
John B. Thayer, " "	1 50
Heirs of Wm. Cole, pasture 1885 and 1886,	32 00
Frank H. Langley, labor and stock, . .	9 87
Calvin Sanford, salary one year, . .	450 00
" " supplies,	130 79
Webster, Folger & Co., supplies, . .	39 60
William B. Brown, carriage,	43 00
" " repair,	5 50
Jordan, Marsh & Co., clothing, . .	20 94
Michael Lee, manure,	9 37
N. Rosenfeld & Co., clothing,	81 84
Frank Porter, supplies,	24 47
George W. Simmons, supplies,	14 50

S. Austin Thayer, grain, flour and fertilizer,	\$264 78
John F. Carey, supplies,	27 71
H. H. Guinan, "	39 00
H. B. Libby, lumber,	8 03
William Brennan, cow,	55 00
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, supplies, . .	175 92
Sidney French, "	43 41
D. B. White & Co., "	216 69
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	183 41
M. M. Alden, labor and material, . .	163 00
Depot street, 327 loads loam, . . .	98 10
A. J. Towns, ice,	11 15
James Fardy, labor and stock, . . .	26 35
Charles Prescott & Co., supplies, . .	140 48
Charles A. Wales, "	12 90
Treasurer, salt grass,	4 00
A. L. Chase, medical attendance, William Shea,	11 14
A. L. Chase, medical attendance, Polly Eddy,	1 27
A. L. Chase, medical attendance, Annie Brunbury,	6 40
A. L. Chase, medical attendance, Lysander Holbrook,	12 80
A. L. Chase, medical attendance, L. Lin- field,	43
W. M. Babbitt, medical attendance, Ly- sander Holbrook,	8 00
Albert Hawes, supplies,	147 18
Ralph Houghton, burial of William Shea, .	18 00
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	\$2,629 61

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Stock on hand March 1, 1886,	.	\$2,605	05
Cash paid for supplies to March 1,			
1887,	.	2,629	61
	.		\$5,234 66

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Stock on hand March 1, 1887,	.	2,886	60
Labor town team,	.	157	29
Use of scraper,	.	11	25
Board of William Tilson,	.	44	00
" Mary A. Esty,	.	88	75
" Otis Hobart,	.	30	00
Town of Holbrook, board of sundry			
persons,	.	206	21
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			3,424 10
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Net expense almshouse,			\$1,810 56

RELIEF OF POOR OF RANDOLPH, OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic			
Hospital,	.		\$181 79
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos-			
pital,	.	188	59
for Dennis O'Brien and family,	.	38	48
for Ann F. Thayer,	.	100	00
for George H. Dyer,	.	25	30
for Mrs. William H. Allen,	.	129	13
for Mrs. William H. Ainslie,	.	231	55
for Mrs. James Butler,	.	45	00
for Loring Jones,	.	96	00
for L. Crickens,	.	5	75
for Paul T. Clark,	.	43	37
for Mrs. Maurice Colbath,	.	58	50
for Mary Chessman,	.	137	50

Paid for Thomas Donahoe,	\$47 18
for George Currie,	34 50
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt,	115 70
for Lucinda Holbrook,	50 00
for Charles H. Abbott,	37 00
for George F. French,	3 50
for Israel Beyett,	17 00
for Alexander Holbrook,	83 25
for Leonard A. Jones,	52 45
for S. J. Pulson,	34 00
for Mrs. Luke O'Reilly and family, . .	122 63
for Timothy Mannix,	43 50
for Hiram Holbrook and family, . .	95 50
for Peter T. Rooney,	135 50
for William Kelliher,	4 61
for John Carey,	37 15
for William J. Kinsley,	62 50
for Mrs. John Fencer,	26 25
for Edmund Eddy and wife,	32 29
for Mary A. Maxfield,	20 00
for Patrick Barry,	42 00
for Frederick Miller,	8 00
for Mrs. William Acherson,	21 75
for Isaac Holbrook and wife	163 90
for Mrs. Richard DeNeill	11 00
for John Leahy	47 74
for Mrs. Edward Bracken and family . .	209 62
for Mrs. John DeNeill and family . .	174 00
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family . .	115 23
for Mrs. John Lynch and family . .	76 88
for Mrs. Eliza Myers	55 00
for Mrs. Noah Holbrook	52 00

Paid sundry bills for aid refunded	\$16 50
John B. Thayer, to Boston, Brockton, and other towns, on account of poor, . .	35 75
Aid to sundry persons,	7 17
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	\$3,368 51

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By aid refunded,	\$16 50
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Net cost,	\$3,352 01

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.

Paid for Louis N. Weathee at State Lunatic

Hospital,	\$185 63
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family, . .	169 00
for Catherine Cleary,	28 00
for Thomas F. Hand and family, . .	57 39
for Albert Stetson and family, . . .	85 98
for Morton Holbrook and family, . .	28 00
for John Kiley,	37 25
for James Meaney,	87 00
for Morris Kiley,	33 07
for Ebenezer Holbrook,	3 00
for John E. Mann and family, . . .	79 50
for Lawrence Leavitt and family, . .	24 43
for Mary Mullins,	48 00
for Albert Howard,	64 14
for Christiana Sioan and family, . .	80 15
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	\$1,010 54

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Lewis Crovo, Boston, . . .	\$89 00
for Rufus I. Jones, Holbrook, . . .	20 00
for Louisa Poole, Holbrook, . . .	132 50
for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook, .	248 41
for Wilfred A. Pendergrass and children, .	156 00
for Benjamin Carey, Lawrence, . . .	6 00
for John E. Glover, Quincy, . . .	35 06
for Mrs. Thomas Sanderson, Braintree, .	127 68
for Mrs. Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree, .	70 00
for Mrs. Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington, .	62 00
for Frederick Fowler, Jr., Easton, . .	369 92
for Mrs. Bridget Hoye, Taunton, . . .	52 86
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	\$1,369 43

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, Keeper of lockup, . . .	\$142 28
D. B. White & Co., supplies, . . .	5 01
F. F. Smith, charcoal, . . .	3 30
Royal W. Turner, coal, . . .	6 00
James Fardy, ironwork, . . .	3 50
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	\$160 09

The following sums of money have been paid to the several physicians, for medical aid to persons under charge of the Overseers of the Poor, to April 4, 1887:—

Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman, . . .	\$50 00
Dr. Charles C. Farnham, . . .	50 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase, . . .	50 00

Dr. Emory A. Allen,	\$50 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	50 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	50 00
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	\$300 00

Paid Warren M. Babbitt for medical aid to poor of other towns, previous to April 6, 1886,	\$20 00
Frank C. Granger for medical aid to poor of other towns, previous to April 6, 1886,	39 00

The undersigned auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the treasurer.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,

ELISHA MANN, JR.,

C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors of the Town of Randolph.

Randolph, March 18, 1887.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &c.,
March 1, 1887.

2 horses,	\$400 00
2 cows,	130 00
2 swine,	24 00
16 hens,	12 00
6 tons English hay,	120 00
3 tons swale hay,	12 00
1 ton salt hay,	12 00

1 road scraper,	\$175 00
2 horse carts,	100 00
1 farm wagon,	70 00
1 carryall,	95 00
1 two-horse wagon,	70 00
1 swing drag,	50 00
1 mowing machine,	40 00
1 hay-cutter and feed trough,	8 00
2 gravel screens,	15 00
2 cart harnesses,	30 00
1 carriage harness	10 00
1 pair double harnesses,	50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	50 00
1 stump-puller and hook,	25 00
4 draught chains,	10 00
2 grindstones,	8 00
1 carriage jack,	2 00
6 baskets,	2 00
3 ploughs,	18 00
1 harrow,	5 00
8 hay and manure forks,	5 00
4 shovels,	3 00
2 iron bars and 3 picks,	5 00
2 wood saws and saw-horses,	3 00
4 hoes, 8 garden and hay rakes,	4 00
4 scythes and snaths,	3 00
2 hand saws and plane,	4 00
1 bit-stock and iron vise,	4 00
3 stone hammers and 35 drills,	45 00
40 flour barrels,	6 00
7 cords wood,	56 00
4 tons coal,	28 00

75 bushels potatoes,	.	.	.	.	.	\$45 00
Garden vegetables,	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
6½ barrels flour,	.	.	.	.	.	39 00
45 pounds butter,	.	.	.	.	.	13 50
75 pounds lard,	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
350 pounds salt pork,	.	.	.	.	.	42 00
100 pounds ham,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
50 pounds corned beef,	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
50 pounds crackers,	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
38 gallons molasses,	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
15 gallons vinegar,	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
2 bushels beans,	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
12 jars of preserves and pickles,	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
320 pounds sugar,	.	.	.	.	.	22 40
12 pounds dried apples,	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
20 pounds tea,	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
15 pounds coffee,	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
Spices,	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
10 pounds tobacco,	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Grain and meal,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
1 cooking range and furniture,	.	.	.	.	.	45 00
1 small stove,	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
1 fire extinguisher,	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
9 flat irons,	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
1 sewing machine,	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
1 ice chest,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
2¼ boxes soap,	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
Crockery ware,	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
Wooden ware,	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
Tin ware and clothes wringer,	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
10 hand and 3 hanging lamps,	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
2 lanterns,	.	.	.	.	.	2 00

1 clock,	\$4 00
12 cuspadores,	6 00
26 iron bedsteads,	156 00
12 feather beds,	75 00
24 under beds,	36 00
80 sheets,	40 00
1 web sheeting,	4 00
36 colored blankets,	36 00
26 white blankets,	26 00
64 pillow cases,	12 00
12 bed spreads,	10 00
36 comforters,	36 00
54 feather pillows,	32 00
41 towels,	5 00
5 table cloths,	6 50
7 small and 4 dining tables,	20 00
1 black walnut extension table,	10 00
1 all-wool carpet,	22 00
50 chairs,	25 00
1 churn,	4 00
6 brooms,	1 50
Coal shovels and hods,	5 50
3 axes,	3 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 50
1 tobacco cutter,	4 00
Shingles,	124 50

\$2,886 60

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1887.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town :—

For schools (see report of school committee), .	\$8,375 00
Stetson high school (see report of trustees),	2,000 00
miscellaneous town expenses,	1,800 00
poor in almshouse,	2,000 00
poor outside,	3,600 00
poor of Randolph and Holbrook,	800 00
military aid,	800 00
interest on town debt,	600 00
town officers,	2,000 00
reduction of town debt	
highways, general repairs,	2,000 00
highways, special repairs,	1,000 00
paving,	300 00
removing snow,	200 00
fire department,	1,980 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
PETER B. HAND,

Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

1886-87.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the requirements of the law which gives to the school committee the general charge and superintendence of the schools in a city or town, your school board beg leave to submit the following report to the citizens of Randolph, and to render to them an account of their stewardship.

The committee feel sensible of the importance of the trust reposed in them, and have endeavored to perform the various and important duties devolving upon them in that responsible position. We are justified in stating that our schools are in a very prosperous condition, and have been managed carefully and judiciously.

Section 1 of chapter 44 requires every town to maintain a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all the children who may legally attend school therein. The age between five and fifteen has no significance except as a partial basis for the distribution of the income of the school fund; children between the ages of eight and fourteen years are proper subjects of the compulsory laws. There is no law forbidding a child entering school before he is eight, or forbidding him to continue attending after he is fourteen years of age. The period from seven to fifteen includes the time in which children wandering about the streets and growing up in ignorance and not subject to any proper parental control, may be classed with truants.

Section 21 of chapter 44 of the Public Statutes provides that the school committee shall have general charge and superintendence of all the public schools. The Supreme

Court has decided that the power of general superintendence includes the power to organize the schools. (This includes the High School.)

The distance which children may be required to walk to and from the school-house, depends upon their age and strength, on the state of the roads and the weather. Taking the school children as they are and the conditions of travel in our town, it does not seem wise to require young children to walk more than one mile to reach school. For longer distances transportation should be furnished at the public expense. If this is not done some children will suffer from fatigue and exposure and their attendance will be irregular and incomplete.

It is not wise to crowd too many pupils under the care of one teacher. In primary schools the number is limited to thirty-five, but we know of teachers having as high as fifty; but in inclement weather the number generally falls off.

In the higher grades, from forty to fifty is generally the number allowed. Primary schools derive most of their training from direct teaching and not much from independent study. We are happy to state that our primary schools are in the hands of most excellent and competent young ladies, who exhibit their good work to the satisfaction of all. The older children can control themselves. They require simply to be directed in their work. The one requires individual attention, — the other may be taught in classes. The committee have endeavored to manage so that there may not be too many nor too few schools for economy or for progress in learning.

It is the imperative duty of the school committee to bring all the children over which they have control, into school. The reasons for this are clear to the minds of every intelli-

gent citizen. The private individual must be educated that he may take his place in life. The member of society must be made intelligent that he may be able to control himself and prevent himself from becoming a public burden and an enemy to good order. There is no place for ignorance in a free state, and particularly in our own beloved commonwealth where such facilities for a good education are afforded.

Business men are offering the highest rewards to those who know how to direct the forces of nature, coupled with good moral character and integrity of principle, without which education is not complete. People are demanding a form of education at once practical and useful to the nature and wants of man, and it is most important that every child should receive the advantages of such an education. Teachers, school officers and parents should unite their efforts to secure the attendance of the children at school so that the registers should correspond with the enrolment of the annual census.

Remembering that ignorance is barbarism every citizen should unite with the school authorities in compelling the attendance of children at school, and feel alarmed when he finds one growing up in the community in a state of ignorance. No child should be absent except for good reasons. And those reasons should be limited to those providential interferences over which parents have no control. If a child is in need of better clothes, and his parents are unable to furnish them, let them be supplied at the public expense. If the parents are in want, let them be relieved at the public expense if necessary, and not permit the child to be put to labor at the expense of his public-school instruction.

No thoughtful parent will plan his affairs in the house, in the shop or on the farm, so as to require his child to break

up into fragments the short term of his school life. If a parent is not thoughtful, the community in which he lives should be thoughtful for him.

The child must not be deprived of his natural rights. Any parent who neglects to send his child to school for at least twenty weeks in one year, is liable to a fine of \$20. And any truant officer may be directed by the school committee to prosecute the same in the name of the town.

Sect. 1, chap. 48, provides that no child under ten years of age shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment in this Commonwealth. No child under twelve years shall be employed during the time which school keeps. No child under fourteen years of age shall be so employed except during the vacations of the public schools. Nor shall such employment continue unless such child presents a certificate showing that he has complied with the requirements of the law, under the direction of the school committee. It is the duty of the truant officers to visit the establishments employing children once in every school term, and as often as the school committee may direct, and inquire into the situation of the children employed therein and report all violations of the law to the committee.

On no account should weak or uncultivated persons have charge of the education of the children in the public schools. We know from our own experience, as well as from observation, that a teacher from his life and teaching, may lead his young pupils to the performance of such intelligent and honest conduct, as will finally produce in them an improvement in the very material of which they are composed. The changes wrought give strength and beauty to both mind and body. They adorn and elevate and refine our homes. We

have known such results to have been produced by skilful teaching.

The next grade above the primary is the intermediate, continuing the work already begun. Spelling by writing, penmanship, reading, the fundamental operations in numbers, with easy problems, elementary composition more advanced in its character than that produced in the primary course; punctuation and the use of capital letters, the elements of geography, singing and gymnastics — all these are carefully taught in the intermediate school. The intermediate teacher guards against unimportant knowledge or the kind above the comprehension of her pupils.

Our children enter the grammar schools about the age of twelve years.

We are happy to bear testimony to the ability, devotion and industry of our corps of school teachers and to give them credit for the faithful performance of their high and noble work.

During the past year the schools have kept the usual thirty-eight weeks.

The corps of teachers remained unchanged. The health of the school children has been remarkably good; some few cases of sickness being reported by the selectmen to the committee, who generally manage so as not to allow disease to spread among the children.

We must feel thankful to the Supreme Ruler for his goodness and mercy in sparing us the loss of any of our number during the past year. The number of school children enrolled last May from five to fifteen years of age was 685. The subjoined report will give the attendance in each school.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1886-7.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average Whole No.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 15 years.	Between 5 to 15 years.	Not absent for any term.
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	50	49	46	94	10	28		
	Isabella G. Driscoll.	54	51	48	94	3			1
	Kate E. Sheridan.	48	45	40	90	1			
	Mary A. Molloy.	31	29	28	96				
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary E. Wren.	34	33	30	91		13		1
	Kittie R. Molloy.	44	42	40	96		3		
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	56	41	39	95	5			
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	69	63	57	90				6
	Alice A. Smith.	40	37	32	87				
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	35	31	28	90	1			1
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	35	27	23	87				
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	41	34	31	91		37		4
" 3. "	Ellen P. Henry.	43	40	33	83		36		12
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	31	23	18	78				
" 6. "	Mary L. Howard.	28	28	26	92	7			3
		639	573	619	90	15			

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

M. Everett Baker.	Charles A. Payne.
Charles E. Clark.	Blanche Beatrice Day.
Joseph H. Clark.	Julia Linnehan.
Patrick F. Clark.	Annie Elizabeth Tucker.
William F. Donovan.	Lizzie Dolan.
Edward D. Page.	Lizzie Brady.

We think that it is appropriate upon this occasion to mention that during the past year we were visited by one of the agents of the State Board of Education, George H. Martin, Esq., who thoroughly inspected all our schools, the buildings, and also the out-buildings. He complimented the town upon the efficiency of our schools, the manner in which they were supplied with all the conveniences and appliances necessary to education, neatness and good order. He complimented the teachers upon their good work and declared that Randolph was far ahead of many towns in this Commonwealth. He addressed the teachers and the committee in the Prescott School building, and also delivered a lecture in the town hall in the evening upon Education.

We are happy to state that all our school buildings are in good order, except Tower Hill school-house, which needs some repairs. A new fence at the west side of the North Grammar school yard is required, and some others need to be repaired.

We respectfully ask : —

For teaching,	\$6,600 00
For fuel,	350 00
For care of rooms,	425 00
For permanent repairs,	200 00
For incidentals, &c.,	300 00
For books and supplies,	500 00

And the dog money.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1886-7.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West,	1 year,	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher	1 "	.	.	.	1,000 00
Isabella G. Driscoll,	1 "	.	.	.	428 92
Alice A. Smith,	1 "	.	.	.	386 83
Kittie E. Sheridan,	1 "	.	.	.	399 00
Mary A. Molloy,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Mary E. Wren,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Ellen P. Henry,	1 "	.	.	.	368 75
Sarah C. Belcher,	1 "	.	.	.	362 90
Mary L. Howard,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Emma D. Stetson,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Kittie R. Molloy,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Sarah J. McGaughey,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Minnie W. Corliss,	1 "	.	.	.	329 50
Carrie L. Wilkins,	1 "	.	.	.	310 50
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					\$6,714 40

FOR FUEL.

Paid R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	\$263 05
Edwin Mann, wood,	10 00
Daniel Leahy, wood bill, 1885,	2 50
" " " . . . . .	.	.	.	.	29 50
Thomas Riley, preparing wood,	.	.	.	.	10 50
John Wales, "	.	.	.	.	5 00
John T. Wales, " "	3 00
Morton Holbrook, " "	4 25
Rose E. Stetson, " "	1 25
Herbert C. Wilbur, shavings,	40
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					\$329 45

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Galen Hollis, bill of 1885, . . .	\$25 00
Rose E. Stetson, bill of 1885, . . .	5 00
John T. Wales, " " " . . .	13 00
Margaret Riley, . . .	220 88
Lawrence Hayes, . . .	18 33
Galen Hollis, . . .	50 00
Rose E. Stetson, . . .	23 50
Herbert C. Wilbur, . . .	25 00
John T. Wales, . . .	20 00
Julia O'Connor (cleaning), . . .	17 00
Boy, drawing water for cleaning, . . .	5 00
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	\$422 71

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid James Fardy, door irons, . . .	\$3 00
Charles Prescott, supplies, bill 1885, . . .	2 56
Joseph Belcher, " . . .	50
E. A. Perry, labor and materials, . . .	44 60
John Wales, use of wells, 2 years, . . .	6 00
Colin Boyd, lighting hall for lecture, . . .	5 00
" " care of committee room, . . .	6 00
John B. Wren, stationery, postage, &c., . . .	2 53
Thomas Dolan, taking census, . . .	20 00
" " cash paid out, . . .	3 65
G. W. Pollock, caning chair, . . .	85
Lawrence Hayes, use of well 1 year, . . .	3 00
N. H. Tirrell, setting glass, &c., . . .	4 50
Patrick Bohan, labor, . . .	4 75
Peter Sheridan, labor, . . .	4 38
Galen Hollis, truant officer, 1885, . . .	15 00
" " floor brush, . . .	2 65

Paid T. H. West, tuning piano,	\$2 00
A. J. Gove, teams and expressing,	24 51
John Lyons, "	1 50
Thomas Riley, removing snow,	4 63
C. A. Wales, supplies,	50 95
N. Rosenfeld, "	10 15
David J. Foley, truant officer,	20 00
Daniel H. Huxford, printing,	9 75
Nathaniel Noyes, labor,	4 09
S. B. Woodman, repairs,	4 25
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	9 13
Rose E. Stetson, broom,	35
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	\$270 18

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid Peter Sheridan, labor No. 1 schoolhouse, .	\$14 00
F. L. Bodwell, material and labor No. 1 schoolhouse,	41 37
S. B. Corliss, stone for vault No. 1 school- house,	15 50
J. B. Rhines, shingles, nails, &c., No. 1 schoolhouse,	71 79
N. H. Tirrell, painting Prescott Primary schoolhouse,	93 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting No. 3 schoolhouse (West Corner),	35 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting No. 5 schoolhouse (North street),	24 00
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	\$294 66

BOOKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, &c.

Paid Ginn & Co., merchandise, &c.,	\$26 39
Knight, Adams & Co., merchandise, &c., .	16 32

Paid Cowperthwait & Co., merchandise,	.	.	\$35 35
William Ware & Co.,	"	.	99 46
Charles H. Whiting,	"	.	18 70
J. L. Hammet & Co.,	"	.	26 95
Harrison, Hume & Co.,	"	.	1 13
Harper Bros.,	"	.	96 84
Carroll W. Clark,	"	.	6 00
Boston School Supply Co.,	"	.	206 09
Lee & Shepard,	"	.	12 00
Clafin & Brown,	"	.	4 50
Clark & Maynard,	"	.	12 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill,	"	.	1 13
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			\$562 86

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

BOOKS FURNISHED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Harrison, Hume & Co., merchandise,	.	.	\$13 50
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	"	.	55 03
Knight, Adams & Co.,	"	.	26 02
Winkley, Dresser & Co.,	"	.	7 90
D. Appleton & Co.,	"	.	29 31
Carl Shoenhof,	"	.	8 00
E. N. Lovering,	"	.	51 63
Clark & Maynard,	"	.	13 65
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	"	.	56 48
Clafin & Brown,	"	.	3 50
Charles S. Reid,	"	.	4 07
Urma C. Alden,	"	.	15 00
Thomas Hall,	"	.	11 87
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			\$295 96

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teaching,	\$6,714 40
Fuel,	329 45
Care of rooms,	422 71
Miscellaneous and incidental,	.	.	.	.	.	.	270 18
Permanent repairs,	294 66
Books, school supplies, &c.,	562 86
" for Stetson High School	295 96
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							\$8,890 22

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,	\$7,500 00
" " for books,	500 00
Received from state school fund,	194 31
" Coddington fund,	92 00
" town treasurer, dog license,	573 05
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							\$8,859 36

Expense of schools,	\$8,890 22
Income from all sources,	8,859 36
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Excess over amount applicable to schools,	\$30 86

THOMAS DOLAN,
JOHN B. WREN,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Randolph, March, 1887.

Committee.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

In compliance with law and custom, the trustees present this, their annual report to their fellow citizens, for the year ending March, 1887.

The funds remain invested as in former years, as follows :

10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank (par),	\$1000 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank (par), . . .	1000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank (par), . . .	1000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank (par),	1000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank (par), . . .	1000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank (par), . . .	1000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank (par), . . .	1000 00
20 shares Old Boston National Bank (par), . . .	1000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank (par), . . .	1300 00
all of Boston, Mass.	
13 shares Randolph National Bank, Randolph	
(par),	1300 00
	\$10,600 00

TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis, Minn., Bond, . . . \$1,000 00

The income of the fund is considerably less than it was some years ago, and for this and last year the bank tax paid into the state treasury has not been received therefrom by the trustees. The banks have paid said tax under protest, awaiting adjudication by the courts as to whether the tax has been legally levied or not. This question affects the fund

unfavorably ; it being a benevolent fund, the state treasurer declines to pay over the amount due until the court has decided the questions of law involved. The fund has suffered already on this account between three and four hundred dollars in the last two years. Whether this is to be a permanent loss depends upon the uncertainties of litigation. The trustees have warrant to hope that ultimately it will be received in full. This year there has been a falling off in receipts from the use of the hall, of about seventy dollars, as compared with those of last year, attributable mainly to want of stage accommodation. The trustees have, in view of loss of rentals, enlarged the stage in the belief that the town will bear the expense. There is an article in town-meeting warrant, asking this action.

The financial statement herewith exhibits the receipts from all available sources, and the expenditures in connection with the Stetson High School, and for necessary repairs, heating, &c., of the town hall.

There were admitted to the school last spring forty-one pupils from the first classes of the grammar schools, making a total of eighty-five pupils at the opening in March, 1886. The school has been in session this year, as formerly, the period of thirty-eight weeks, under the instruction and general management of Mr. Edwin N. Lovering as principal, and Miss Mary S. Stone and Miss Ada H. Tucker as assistants. The services of these teachers merit and receive the approval of the trustees, and they are pleased to believe, the confidence of the people of the town, that their administration of affairs and instructions are potent for good upon the children of the school.

At the opening of the school, Miss Ada B. Chandler, in consequence of a sad family affliction, was unable to resume

the position which she had occupied with such marked satisfaction to patrons and powers, and Miss Stone has filled the position during the year. Miss Tucker was engaged to supply a need of greater teaching force, induced by the establishment of the English courses of study, apart from the former four years' classical course, which had dominated the school.

In regard to these English courses, the trustees have to say: At the beginning of the school year a radical change was made in the curriculum of the school. It had been the feeling of the trustees for some time that the best interests of the school demanded this change, so that pupils who intend to remain in the school but one year, or two years at the most, should not be compelled to pursue any study the full benefit of which can only be derived by several years of continuous work. Again, boys who propose to engage in mercantile life, or find employment in the leading industry of this town, need that special training in bookkeeping and arithmetic which it was impossible for them to receive when the school offered to them but one course of study, and that a classical one. The result of this has been that the teachers of the school have found it impossible to arouse any enthusiasm in pupils who were pursuing a course of study which was distasteful to them, and at the same time unsatisfactory to their parents. With these facts before them, at the unanimous desire of scholars, parents and teachers, the board decided to introduce a two years' business course and a four years' English course for the special benefit of those who wish to complete a four years' course without studying the classics or higher branches of mathematics. That the matter may be thoroughly understood there are included in this

report the three courses of study now open for choice to the pupils when admitted to the school.

Attention is called to the fact that the business course and the first two years of the English course are identical, and also, that the last two years of the English course and of the classical course differ only in respect of one study, those in the former studying German, and those in the latter, Latin. At the end of this trial year the trustees are of the opinion that the plan is decidedly a wise as well as a popular one, in view of the facts that, of the entering class about three-fourths elected either the business or the English course, and, also, that during the year an unusually small number of pupils has withdrawn from the school. There certainly has been no recent year when so much honest and satisfactory work has been done as in this, so there is sufficient reason to believe that the change is one which will prove advantageous to the best interests of the school.

The school year was brought to a happy close on Friday afternoon, March 11th, by the graduation exercises of the senior class in the Town Hall, which was taxed to its utmost seating capacity to accommodate the friends of the class and the many friends of the school generally, among them the town officials and the clergy, by special invitation. These exercises were of a high order of excellence, evincing diligent application to study by the participants and thorough instruction by the teachers, and were listened to by the large audience in the most flattering manner, with the closest attention to the end. The following-named (the graduating class) received the school's diplomas :—

Clara Williams Belcher,	Annie Marie McMahon,
Lizzie Eugenie Clark,	Grace Lincoln Moulton,
Clifton Wales Thayer.	

Two of the above-named received the Turner medals, of gold,—Annie Marie McMahon, the Valedictorian, the first; and Clifton Wales Thayer, the Salutatorian, the second one. In regard to the bestowal of the second medal, it is proper to state that Miss Grace Lincoln Moulton was so very near to the recipient in the excellence the medals are designed to mark, that she merits and here receives honorable mention.

The High School has done a good work this year, and is in a condition as to organization, teaching force, illustrative appliances, means of laboratory work, and valuable works of reference, to achieve even better results than ever before for the youth who seek its privileges. In this connection the trustees are pleased to acknowledge obligations to the trustees of the Turner Free Library for ready accommodations in the use accorded to this school of valuable works of reference, and others upon subjects in a line with the studies pursued there.

On the 5th inst., applicants for admission to the school were examined and thirty-four were, upon their examination, certified for admission, making a total of ninety-four pupils for the beginning of the next school year, March 28th, 1887.

To maintain the High School upon its present footing of efficiency and usefulness, the trustees ask for an appropriation by the town of two thousand dollars, in the fullest confidence that no appropriation the town can make will yield a richer blessing than this to interests of vital importance in an intelligent community.

COURSES OF STUDY.

First Class.

English Course.

Chemistry.

English Literature.

German.

Classical Course.

Chemistry.

English Literature.

Latin.

Second Class.

Botany and Physics.	Botany and Physics.
English Literature.	English Literature.
German.	Latin.

Third Class.

Arithmetic or Algebra.	Geometry.
{ Physical Geography.	{ Physical Geography.
{ Physiology.	{ Physiology.
English Composition.	Latin.

Fourth Class.

Book-keeping.	Algebra.
Arithmetic.	History.
History.	Latin.

Business Course.

<i>First Year.</i>	<i>Second Year.</i>
Book-keeping.	Arithmetic or Algebra.
Arithmetic.	{ Physical Geography.
History.	{ Physiology.
	English Composition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WINSLOW BATTLES,
T. T. CUSHMAN,
JOHN B. WREN,

Randolph, March 16, 1887.

Trustees.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1886.

	To balance old account,			\$4 30
April 1.	To dividends Eliot National Bank,		\$30 00	
	Webster " "		20 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank,		25 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "		25 00	
	Exchange " "		20 00	
	Boylston " "		30 00	
	Tremont " "		20 00	
	Old Boston " "		20 00	
	Shawmut " "		39 00	
	Randolph " "		65 00	
				294 00
June 14.	Town appropriation (in part)			1,000 00
Oct. 5.	Town appropriation (balance of)			1,000 00
14.	Dividends Eliot National Bank,		\$30 00	
	Webster " "		20 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank		25 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "		25 00	
	Exchange " "		25 00	
	Boylston " "		30 00	
	Tremont " "		20 00	
	Old Boston " "		20 00	
	Shawmut " "		39 00	
	Randolph " "		65 00	
				299 00
	Amount received from rental of Hall			151 50
				\$2,748 80

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund, the same as reported by the trustees.

JOHN B THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
PETER B. HAND,

Randolph, March 17, 1887.

Selectmen of Randolph.

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1886.			
April	3.	By paying Colin Boyd,	\$25 76
	3.	Edwin M. Mann, wood,	7 75
	24.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	30 00
June	5.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	23 00
	19.	H. B. Libby, repairs,	54 88
	21.	Miss P. W. Bunker, rent of piano, .	30 00
	25.	Miss A. B. Chandler, salary, . .	188 16
	25.	Miss A. H. Tucker, "	100 00
	29.	E. N. Lovering, balance of sal- ary March 31,	55 00
	29.	E. N. Lovering, salary,	375 00
	29.	Colin Boyd,	25 00
Sept.	29.	E. N. Lovering, salary,	375 00
	29.	F. Q. Bodwell, repairs,	4 88
Oct.	16.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	40 00
	25.	Miss Mary S. Stone, "	48 00
Nov.	8.	G. W. Pollock, repairs,	10 00
	27.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	50 15
	27.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	60 00
	27.	Miss Mary S. Stone, salary, . .	84 00
Dec.	6.	Colin Boyd,	25 00
	13.	J. White Belcher, insurance, . .	1 60
	13.	F. F. Smith, charcoal,	6 00
	21.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	30 00
	21.	Charles A. Wales, repairs, . . .	42 39
	21.	D. H. Huxford, printing,	25 00
	21.	W. B. Brown, repairs,	1 50
	21.	E. A. Perry, repairs	2 50
	21.	Edwin M. Mann, wood,	7 50
	29.	Secretary, stationery	20
1887.			
Jan.	6.	Miss Mary S. Stone, salary, . .	48 00
	6.	G. W. Pollock, repairs,	21 50
	6.	John B. Thayer, "	5 00
	6.	F. A. Stanley, "	4 50
	11.	E. N. Lovering, salary,	375 00
		expense,	2 00
	17.	N. H. Tirrell, repairs,	12 25
	17.	N. Noyes, "	2 15
Feb.	7.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	8 00
	7.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	60 00
	25.	Miss Mary S. Stone, "	120 00
Mch.	9.	D. B. White & Co., sundries, . .	17 11
	9.	Colin Boyd,	25 00
	12.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	50 00
	14.	E. N. Lovering, on account of salary,	245 00
		Trustees and secretary, 1 year, .	20 00
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			\$2,748 80

C. G. HATHAWAY,
Secretary.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1886-7.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D.D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

EDWIN N. LOVERING, *Secretary.*

JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER, PETER B. HAND,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN
V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD, J. WINSOR PRATT, JOHN
B. THAYER, GILBERT A. TOLMAN, WILLIAM A. BALKAM, JR.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the eleventh annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, and the librarian, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1886.

TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library, funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1886, has been \$715.27 : — gasoline, \$244.12 ; fuel, \$114.47 ; expressing, \$32.72 ; janitor, \$125.00 ; insurance, \$133.74 ; repairs, \$25.45 ; other sundry supplies, \$39.77. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The buildings and contents are in good order and condition ; and no large expense for the present year is anticipated.

FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments ; and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1886, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

For the current year the income is estimated as follows : —

From rents,	\$600 00
Interest on town note,	300 00
From Turner Fund,	580 00
	————— \$1,480 00

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree,

Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, William H. Balkam, Jr., and Edwin N. Lovering), and the books were found in the same excellent condition as in former years.

The rules and regulations for the government of the library have generally been observed.

During the past year Hon. Elijah A. Morse, of Canton, presented the trustees with the sum of one hundred dollars, to be used for library purposes, for which generous donation a suitable acknowledgment was made by the secretary.

The librarian and his assistant, now entering upon their tenth year of service, have faithfully and efficiently discharged their respective duties, in a manner worthy of special commendation.

The following suggestions, taken from the report of the librarian, are presented for the consideration of the patrons of the library. He says:—

“I feel that much might be said to the parents and guardians of fully fifty per cent of our readers — these bright, earnest boys and girls, who are reading continuously and very often unwisely — by which their reading might be turned into healthy channels and they receive permanent good.

“An experience of more than ten years of library work and observation, convinces me that the parents of these children are not properly informed regarding our work, our books, our resources, or the character, the tendencies, and the consequences of what the children read. For often father and mother furnish food, clothing and shelter, and leave the spiritual needs of the child to the pastor and Sabbath-school teacher, the educational to the school committee and the teacher, and the reading to the board of trustees and

the librarian, and try to feel that their duty is well and faithfully done.

"Regarding pastors and teachers, it is neither my purpose nor privilege to write. But in library matters I feel free and happy to express myself, and if I could only gain the eyes and ears of such parents, I would say, kindly yet earnestly, to them:—

"'Do not permit a child under eighteen years of age to read any book, pamphlet or circular which you do not personally examine and approve.'

"Again: 'Do not permit the continuous perusal of what are generally considered as harmless yet aimless books. No proper mental development or true and useful knowledge can be acquired by such a course of literary diversion.'

"The mind, as well as the body, must have suitable and substantial food.

"First. Give to the boys and girls, as the basis of their reading, the delightfully written biographies, the beautifully illustrated books of travel, the attractive scientific works, the charming pen-portraits of persons and places, the abridged and simplified histories to be found in such variety at the library, and then—as a little spice only aids digestion—you may safely give to your child an occasional flavor of Oliver Optic, Mayne Reid or Mary Jane Holmes, without any fear of literary indigestion.

"I know that some parents will say: 'How can I, with my inexperience in such matters, and with my family cares and burdens, attempt any such task?'

"To such an one I have only to say, try my suggestion for a week, and note the effect upon your child, yourself and your home.

"Begin, if you please, in the simplest way possible, but

at any rate begin, and, if you will let me, I will help you to begin.

"Here is a simple yet efficient plan :

"Your boy is studying geography or history in the public school. Just now the lesson is Massachusetts ; to be more specific, the lesson for a week may be Boston, its history, its educational agencies, &c., &c. Send the boy to the library for any one of a score of charming books covering these subjects ; and when after supper the family enjoy one hour of home companionship, as every family should, let that hour be given to reading aloud by the boy, not of the book in course, but of such parts of the book as pertain directly to the school lesson of the day or week ; then, when all are gathered at table, or at such other time as opportunity offers, talk over what has been read, and thus fix all the important facts in mind.

"The boy will thus be gaining useful and extended knowledge ; and being interested in what he has read, and what all are talking about, the dry, irksome school lessons will become attractive and pleasant duties. Nor will the child be the only one who will profit by the trial. Many a tired father, whose history and geography is fast fading from mind, and mothers, to whom cares and burdens have brought weariness of body and a tired spirit, will find mental refreshing and satisfaction, and the entire family enjoy permanent benefit and culture in the practice of this slow but systematic course of study.

"Boys who continually read tales of adventure and wonderful exploits, are not only wasting precious opportunities, but contracting habits of reading which are pernicious. Girls whose time is given to the constant perusal of the

novel literature of the day, are filling their minds with such views of life as are largely sensational and fictitious.

"Very many of our town's people are unable to give to their children an extended education in the higher schools or colleges; and to this class it becomes especially important that what instruction they can and do provide, should be neither superficial nor valueless, but rather as broad and substantial as the common school, the public library and the home influence can make it; and if in after years these children build for themselves a literary superstructure higher and better than the parent had planned, or even hoped, they will have abundant cause for gratitude that the foundation was laid so broad and permanent."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the librarian for the year 1886:—

Number of days the library was open to the public,	286
Volumes issued during the year,	20,929
Largest daily issue,	261
Average daily issue,	73
Smallest daily issue,	5
Number of volumes added during the year,	606
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1887,	9673

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$532 69
Received rent from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association,	15 00
Received from town, interest on note,	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund	580 00
Received for fines and catalogues,	38 37
Received from banks for their proportion of heat,	71 08
Received from banks and others for their proportion of light,	144 60
Received from Hon. Elijah A. Morse, donation	100 00
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	\$2,381 74

Jan. 1, 1886.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,	\$736 46
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline and fuel,	358 59
Amount paid for insurance,	133 74
Amount paid for printing and postage,	74 65
Amount paid for expressing,	22 72
Amount paid for sundry repairs,	25 45
Amount paid for sundry supplies,	39 77
Balance on hand,	365 36
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	\$2,381 74

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt and Peter B. Hand) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true

and accurate ; that a cash balance of $\$365\frac{36}{100}$ is now in the treasury. We further find that all the rents, the interest, and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured, and have at all times during the year exceeded the expenditures of the library. The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consist of \$5000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the farther sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner Fund,' invested as follows : —

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1000 each.

"No appropriation of money from the town will be required to aid in meeting the current expenses of the ensuing year."

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,
President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 10, 1887.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,

RANDOLPH, March 1, 1887.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — The following report is respectfully submitted, with a statement in detail of the number of fires that have occurred within the limits of the town, and the expense of the department for the year ending February 28, 1887.

The roster of the department, as organized May 1, 1886, was as follows:—

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*Chief*), John Haney (*Assistant*), W. A. Croak (*Clerk*).

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; F. J. Donohue, *Fireman*.

Steamer No. 2, J. Clark, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; W. M. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hose Co. No. 2, 10 men, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*; C. N. Thayer, *Driver*.

Hook-and-Ladder Co. No. 1, 25 men, Nelson E. Knight, *Foreman*.

Chemical Engine No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*.

FIRES.

Fires have occurred in town as follows:—

March 20, 1886, 7.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in dwelling on

Warren street owned and occupied by heirs of the late Edward Donahue. Damage very small. Cause, accidental. Whole department responded.

April 1, 1886, 9 P.M. On a still alarm, fire was extinguished in a small building owned and occupied by Eleazor Beal, South Main street. Damage, slight. Incendiary.

April 8, 1886, 9.45 P.M. Alarm for fire in a barn on Union street, owned by George Eddy and occupied by Henry Hollis. Damage, slight. Incendiary. Apparatus from house of Steamer No. 1 present.

April 10, 1886, 8.30 P.M. On a still alarm, fire was extinguished on woodland, between South Main and South street, owned by Eleazor Beal. Damage, small. Supposed to be incendiary.

April 16, 1886, 10.45 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling on North street, owned by Mrs. Smith and occupied by Webster Hayden (formerly John Cushing place). Wholly destroyed. No alarm on the bells. No apparatus present.

April 25, 1886, 7 P.M. Fire in woods on South street. Put out without the aid of the apparatus.

April 26, 1886, 6 P.M. The chief, with members of the fire brigade, extinguished a fire in the woods on the line of the O. C. R. R., on land of John Wales. Several cords of cut wood destroyed. Cause, spark from locomotive.

April 28, 1886, 1.15 P.M. Alarm for fire in the factory of F. Clark & Co., on Warren street. Cause, overheated chimney. A portion of the department responded. Damage, slight.

May 18, 1886, 11.45 P.M. Alarm for a fire in the dwelling on Warren street, owned and occupied by Rchael

Sweeney. Damage, about \$75. Cause, unknown. Nearly all of the department was present.

July 2, 1886, 11.30 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling on North street, owned by James Thayer (formerly John Niles). Wholly destroyed. No alarm on the bells. No apparatus present.

July 30, 1886, 3 A.M. Alarm for a fire in the dwelling on Warren street, owned and occupied by heirs of the late Luke C. Riley. Cause, lightning. Damage, about \$200. A portion of the department present.

August 15, 1886, 2 A.M. Fire was discovered in the barn on North street, owned by James Thayer (formerly John Niles). Wholly destroyed. No alarm on the bells. No apparatus present.

October 7, 1886, 8 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling on North street, owned by Alfonzo Stetson. Damage, about \$20.

October 16, 1886, 9 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling of Alfonzo Stetson, unoccupied. Damage, \$25. No alarm on the bells.

December 6, 1886, 6 P.M. Fire was discovered in the dwelling on North street, owned by the heirs of Moses C. Beal (formerly Amasa Joy place), and unoccupied. Wholly destroyed. Incendiary. No alarm on the bells. No apparatus present.

February 4, 1887, 11 A.M. Alarm for fire in the barn on Chestnut street, owned by Amasa S. Niles, and occupied by him and Charles Roberts. Wholly destroyed, together with one horse, one small coach or barge, two small express wagons, one harness and about four tons of hay. Cause of fire, unknown. A portion of the department present.

February 28, 1887, 9.30 A.M. Alarm for fire on roof of

building on West street, owned by heirs of the late Jonathan Belcher, and occupied by Eugene Campagna, as a carpenter shop. Damage, slight. Cause, spark from chimney. A portion of the apparatus responded.

EXPENSES.

Paid 69 men services, one year to May 1, 1886,	
at \$12,	\$828 00
69 men, 643½ hours, at 25 cents, . . .	160 87
J. H. Wales, engineer of steamer 1, to May 1, 1886,	40 00
F. J. Donahue, fireman steamer 1, to May 1, 1886,	30 00
E. L. Payne, engineer steamer 2, to May 1, 1886,	40 00
G. F. Howard, fireman steamer 2, to May 1, 1886,	30 00
J. H. Wales, care steamer 1 from March 1, 1885 to March 1, 1887,	24 00
F. J. Donahue, steward and care of fires from February 27, 1886, to February 21, 1887,	98 00
E. L. Payne, care steamer 2 from Feb- ruary 27, 1886, to February 21, 1887,	33 50
G. F. Howard, steward, care of fires, &c., February 27, 1886, to May 1, 1886, . .	15 25
W. M. Howard, steward and care of fires, &c., May 1, 1886, to February 21, 1887,	41 75
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fires, May 1, 1885, to January 27, 1887, . .	80 80
James Farrell, care of hall, hose 1, one year to May 1, 1886,	6 00

Paid A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1 from March 1, 1886, to November 1, 1886, .	\$200 00
J. Clark, drawing steamer 2 to February 21, 1887,	42 00
A. J. Gove, expressing, &c., . . .	6 85
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for houses to February 8, 1887,	71 56
D. B. White & Co., supplies, . . .	5 96
Charles Prescott, supplies, . . .	5 41
A. S. Jackson, supplies, . . .	7 75
C. A. Wales, labor and supplies, . .	20 40
E. M. Mann, wood for houses, . . .	5 25
W. A. Croak, labor and material, general repairs (two years), to March 1, 1887,	32 17
C. E. Higgins, painting house steamer 1,	25 45
F. H. Langley, repairs steamer 2 and hose 2,	3 50
James Riley, rent of land steamer 2, .	15 00
J. B. Thayer, labor, &c., house steamer 1,	4 75
C. E. Higgins, painting house chemical 1,	46 91
N. H. Tirrell, painting house steamer 2,	38 00
H. H. Shedd, fire patrol,	1 50
John Day, drawing truck,	5 00
David J. Foley, shovelling snow from res- ervoirs (two years),	3 00
Total expense,	<hr/> \$1,968 63
Balance,	11 37
Appropriation,	<hr/> \$1,980 00

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, consisting of two steamers, two hose-carriages, one chemical engine, one hook-

and-ladder truck, 2800 feet of canvas hose, harnesses, extra ladders, &c., &c.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are in good condition and full of water.

HOUSES.

As will be seen by the items of expense, the engine-houses have all received a coat of paint, and some minor repairs have been attended to also. Very early the coming year the house of Steamer 2 and the house of Chemical 1 should be shingled, and when that is done we feel that the houses of all the apparatus will be in good condition, with the exception of the floor of the house of Steamer 1, which will have to be attended to at no distant day.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Having for the past few years been able to attend to the repairs of buildings, owing to the small amount of ordinary expenses, from the fact that there have not been many large fires in the centre of the town, although the report shows quite a large number of fires of all kinds, many of those were so far from the water supply, and also so far beyond control when discovered, that the department was not called upon to perform work in such cases; therefore we would recommend the following: Pay of men, \$12.00 each for the year and 25 cents per hour for labor at fires, &c.; engineers of steamers, \$40; firemen, \$30 per year; for general expenses, \$1000.

C. A. WALES,
W. A. CROAK,
JOHN HANEY,

Engineers.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The water commissioners, in presenting their first annual report to the town, can only give an outline of what has been accomplished from the commencement of the project to the present time.

On the eighth day of May, 1885, after much labor and time spent by the committee having the matter in charge, the Act, chapter 217, entitled "An Act to supply the towns of Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook with water" from the Great Pond in said towns of Braintree and Randolph, was passed and approved.

Subsequently each of said towns, at meetings called for the purpose, accepted said act according to its provisions.

It also provided that if all of said towns accepted said act within the time and in the manner therein prescribed, neither of said towns should separately take any waters as provided therein, but the towns so accepting said act should jointly take such waters and jointly act as therein provided.

The towns of Randolph and Holbrook elected water commissioners, but could proceed no farther under said act until the town of Braintree should take similar action, which it has declined to do up to the present time.

On the third day of June, 1886, an act was passed entitled "An Act to incorporate the Braintree Water Supply Company," containing therein a provision that the towns of Randolph and Holbrook might proceed to carry out the pro-

visions of chapter 217, of the Acts of 1885, as though the same had not been accepted by said town of Braintree.

The town of Randolph having previously accepted said act, thereupon, at a meeting called for the purpose, —

Voted, That the Board of Water Commissioners of Randolph be empowered and directed to make all proper contracts, to employ all necessary agents, and to do all requisite acts in its behalf for the introduction and supply for the use of the town and its inhabitants of the water of Great Pond, in the towns of Braintree and Randolph, which flow into and from the same or any part thereof, to the extent which is authorized by the provisions of chapter 217 of the Acts of the Legislature passed in the year 1885, and also so much of Chapter 269 of the Acts of the Legislature passed in the year 1886, as relates to the towns of Randolph and Holbrook; and that the proceeds of the sale of such bonds of the town as shall be issued and sold under the authority of said Act of 1885, be and are hereby appropriated to defray the cost of the introduction and supply of said water for the uses aforesaid.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the town of Randolph be authorized and instructed to prepare, issue and sell, at not less than par, and with the advice and approval of the Board of Water Commissioners of said town, and in such amounts and at such times as said board shall recommend, the bonds of said town, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Board of Water Commissioners, to be denominated "Randolph Water Loan," and not to exceed in the aggregate One Hundred Thousand dollars, payable at periods not exceeding Thirty Years from the date thereof, with interest payable semi-annually at the rate of four per centum per annum, for the purpose of raising money to pay the neces-

sary expenses and liabilities incurred in supplying itself and its inhabitants with water in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Acts of the Legislature passed in the year 1885, and that the form and denominations, and the times and places of payment of the principal and interest of such bonds, be determined by said Board of Water Commissioners.

Voted, That a sinking fund be established, and that such sum be annually contributed thereto as shall be sufficient with the accumulations thereof, to pay the principal of the said "Randolph Water Loan," at maturity.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized and instructed to borrow upon the note of the town, the sum of one thousand dollars to pay the interest for the first six months on the water bonds, such note and interest thereon to be paid from the taxes of the year 1887.

The commissioners of Randolph and Holbrook have employed as engineer Mr. M. M. Tidd, of Boston, to prepare plans and to take charge of the works, for both towns.

A survey has been made, through all the principal streets in Randolph, but in consequence of the large increase in the cost of iron, with no immediate prospect of a more favorable opportunity to place a contract for the same, the pipes cannot be laid at first to the extent which was originally contemplated, and which the commissioners have used every effort to accomplish; but as the amount of money placed at the disposal of the commissioners will not authorize the same, such extensions can be provided for by the town whenever it deems it expedient so to do.

About nine and one half miles of iron pipe ranging from four to fourteen inches in diameter and containing fourteen hundred tons, has been contracted for with the Warren

Foundry and Machine Company of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, to be delivered one third April 1, one third May 1, one third July 1, and all of the same will probably be laid the present year, within the limits of Randolph.

About one hundred post-hydrants and suitable stop-gates have been contracted for with the Chapman Valve Co., of Springfield, Mass. One third of said hydrants will be provided with suction nozzles, and the whole number will be protected with frost casings.

The erection of a stand-pipe on Porter's Hill, in the town of Holbrook, which is to be thirty feet in diameter and one hundred and twelve feet in height, has been awarded to Kendall & Roberts, of Cambridgeport, and is to be completed on or before September 1.

The contracts for the boilers, engine and pumping machinery, with the trenching and laying of the water-pipes, hydrants, &c., and the building of the pumping station, will soon be completed.

It is expected the main works will be finished during the present year.

As payments in part will have to be made soon after April 1, it will be necessary for the town to make provision for paying the interest due October 1, 1887, and April 1, 1888, on the bonds issued, also to contribute such sum to the sinking fund as may be deemed necessary to meet the payment of the water bonds when they become due, as required under section 8, chapter 217, of the Acts of 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,
PETER B. HAND,
WARREN M. BABBITT,

Water Commissioners.

Dr.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

1887. March.

Paid town orders,	\$32,914 23
Treasury Notes,	26,700 00
Interest on Treasury Notes,	900 86
State Tax,	1,950 00
National Bank Tax,	2,462 75
Expense:	
A. L. Chase, returning births,	\$3 00
T. T. Cushman, returning births,	2 00
F. C. Granger, returning births,	8 25
C. C. Farnham, returning births,	1 00
E. A. Allen, returning births,	4 00
C. P. Linfield, returning births,	25
W. M. Babbitt, returning births,	50
H. C. Alden, returning births, marriages and deaths,	60 80
R. Houghton, returning deaths,	20 00
Stamps, Stamped Envelopes and Stationery,	23 40
State Sealer of Weights and Measures,	8 10
State Treasurer, Liquor License,	3 00
Braintree Records,	350 00
D. H. Huxford, printing,	2 00
Winkley, Dresser & Co., check-books and paper,	32 75
Town Clerk Stoughton, on election returns,	5 00
Treasurer,	100 00
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Balance T. Dolan, tax bill,	\$4,085 81
" Treasurer,	5,267 48
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	\$9,353 29
Balance,	9,353 29
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	\$74,905 18

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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1887. March.

Balance,	\$8,508 63
Received for Treasury Notes,	24,000 00
Tax Bill, 1886,	29,827 04
Randolph National Bank Dividends,	80 00
F. N. Deane, Tax Collector, Interest on taxes, 1885,	212 16
Salt Grass sold,	12 00
C. C. Churchill, County Treasurer, Dog Licenses,	573 05
S. B. Shaw, License Billiard Table,	2 00
W. B. Spear, License Auctioneer,	2 00
Isaac Niles, "	2 00
H. L. Peirce, Ponkapog Pond,	10 00
F. N. Deane, Tax Collector, additional Taxes,	12 00
Cash refunded on account of Pauper,	28 50
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	\$3,297 37
National Bank Tax,	3,028 17
State Aid,	1,551 00
Military Aid,	714 97
School Fund,	194 31
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	8,785 82
City of Taunton, Pauper Account,	51 00
Town of Methuen, " "	87 00
" Stoughton, " "	30 04
" Braintree, " "	214 52
" Easton, " "	296 00
" Abington, " "	301 25
Town Farm, labor and articles sold,	412 55
Town of Holbrook, Paupers, Military Aid and Water Accounts,	1,396 62
Town of Weymouth, Pauper Account,	30 00
City of Lawrence, Pauper Account,	6 00
Sundry Constables for use of Lockup,	25 00
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	\$74,905 18

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

1887. March 1.	DR.	
Note to Lucy A. Wilbur, due April 25, 1887,		\$500 00
to Ebenezer Moulton, due April 25, 1887,		800 00
to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 26, 1887,		2,000 00
to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 26, 1888,		2,000 00
to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 26, 1889,		2,000 00
to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 26, 1890,		2,000 00
to Charlotte Wentworth, due April 26, 1891,		2,000 00
to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 26, 1892,		2,000 00
to Randolph Savings Bank, due April 26, 1893,		2,000 00
to Turner Library, on demand,		5,000 00
Interest due on Town Notes, estimated,		600 00
Unpaid bills,		500 00

\$21,400 00

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Coddington Fund:		
8 Shares Randolph National Bank,	\$1,600 00	
Salt Marsh in Quincy,	500 00	
		<hr/> 2,100 00
Due from T. Dolan, Tax Collector, 1886,		4,085 81
from H. C. Alden, Treasurer,		5,267 48
for State Aid,		1,560 00
for Military Aid,		755 00
from other towns,		626 00
for State Paupers,		156 00
Balance,		<hr/> 6,849 71

\$21,400 00

RANDOLPH, March 18, 1887.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. MCMAHON,

Auditors.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH, MASS., IN THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1886.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Nov. 28,	Harvey J. DeForrest, . .	
Dec. 19,	Katie Ellen Ryan, . . .	
1886.		
Jan. 2,	Ella E. Holbrook, . . .	
4,	Lillian Morgan, . . .	
10,	Alice Mahoney, . . .	
6,	Beulah Anna Farnsworth, .	
25,	Edward Devine, . . .	
29,	Francis H. McMahon, . .	
31,	William H. Howard, . . .	
Feb. 1,	Mary Sutton, . . .	
2,	Eva F. Kimball, . . .	
19,	Josephine Haney, . . .	
27,	Patrick Connors, . . .	
March 1,	— Howard (twin), . . .	
1,	— Howard (twin), . . .	
2,	— White, . . .	
4,	William Aldrich, . . .	
9,	Gertrude Powderly, . . .	
9,	Mary E. Ainsley, . . .	
16,	John R. Uniac, . . .	
21,	Mary E. McCue, . . .	
21,	— Cole, . . .	
25,	G. Alphonso Fowler, . . .	
28,	Lena M. Bump, . . .	
April 7,	Thomas Deane, . . .	
8,	Carl Burton White, . . .	
12,	Sarah L. Campagna, . . .	
12,	Lena L. Kerr, . . .	
12,	Edmund Brady, . . .	
19,	Fred Packard Jones, . . .	
22,	John Simms Dee, . . .	
28,	Roland Ray Tileston, . .	
May 2,	Bessie McMahon, . . .	
2,	Ethel G. Hollis, . . .	
5,	Mary Donohue, . . .	
19,	John Barrett, . . .	
19,	Mary Agnes DeNeil, . . .	
24,	Robert Dunn, . . .	
27,	— Labaree, . . .	
31,	Alice M. English, . . .	
June 14,	Elsie Warren Warburton, .	
20,	William E. Smith, . . .	
23,	— Woods, . . .	
29,	Addison F. Whitney (twin),	
29,	— Whitney (twin), . . .	
30,	William P. O'Brien, . . .	
30,	Seth Turner Crawford, . .	
July 1,	Anna Curran, . . .	
5,	Ellen Agnes Sullivan, . .	
7,	Charles J. O'Malley, . . .	
8,	William B. Shields, . . .	
9,	Charles E. Lyons, . . .	

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.
1886	
July 12,	Esther A. E. Wentworth, .
17,	Daniel Murphy, . . .
24,	Bertha M. Beyett, . . .
28,	Emma Frances Payne, . .
29,	— Mullingham, . . .
Aug. 3,	Mary B. Carroll, . . .
10,	Theodore Thompson, . . .
25,	Francis M. Jones, . . .
26,	Mary I. Goers, . . .
29,	John F. Curran, . . .
31,	Eddie Clark, . . .
Sept. 4,	Lillian G. Pierce, . . .
5,	Francis Riley, . . .
11,	Charles Foley, . . .
13,	Alberta Wentworth, . . .
26,	Abby Charlotte Londgran, .
30,	Jerry Halpin, . . .
Oct. 4,	Ode Ellsworth Rice, . . .
6,	C. Eston Soule, . . .
11,	Edward Dion Hogan, . . .
16,	Florence W. Manville, . .
18,	Alonzo C. Allard, . . .
31,	John Kiley, . . .
Nov. 3,	— Howard } Twins,
3,	— Howard }
8,	Hattie E. Hagar, . . .
9,	Francis Hand, . . .
23,	Charles Edgar Young, . . .
15,	Alice Uniac, . . .
27,	Arthur Chester Baker, . .
Dec. 4,	Mary A. Gill, . . .
8,	— Hunt, . . .
10,	Henry P. Brady, . . .
16,	Elina Scannell, . . .
21,	Alfred Lee Knight, . . .
24,	Francis Hickey, . . .

Anyone perceiving an error in the above will please notify the Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH DURING THE YEAR 1886.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1886.			
Jan. 3,	George A. Elliott,	Randolph,	22
	Sybil A. DeCosta,	"	16
6,	Charles E. Bump,	Randolph,	28
	Elizabeth Bridge,	"	19
12,	John H. Knight,	Randolph,	25
	Ellen M. Penniman,	"	19
Feb. 3,	Leslie W. Thayer,	Randolph,	22
	Fanny Gilbert Jones,	"	24
10,	Edward F. Hand,	Randolph,	27
	Lizzie M. Dillon,	Boston,	25
25,	Edward J. McMahon,	Randolph,	31
	Rose A. Roddan,	"	29
March 10,	Walter E. Daniels,	Randolph,	28
	Katie B. Sullivan,	"	28
April 11,	Charles H. Thayer,	Weymouth,	39
	Maud H. Knights,	"	22
11,	Emery J. Lyons,	Randolph,	29
	Mary Ella L. Fredericks,	Canton,	18
21,	Arthur W. Alden,	Randolph,	26
	Alice A. Towns,	"	20
May 2,	Abraham Jones,	Randolph,	50
	Maria Cox,	Boston,	40
5,	Harvey W. Boyd,	Middleboro,	26
	M. Alice Nichols,	Randolph,	23
6,	Dewitt C. Peirce,	Randolph,	23
	Alice J. Sloan (Beal),	"	28
4,	Walter M. Howard,	Randolph,	25
	Honora E. Barry,	"	26
13,	John E. McDonald	Randolph,	31
	Sarah J. Shay	"	25
19,	Leonard Peirce,	Randolph,	57
	Sarah Jane Pulson (Holbrook),	"	38
23,	Thomas Ford (Black),	Randolph,	46
	Lula Lewis (Black),	"	32
25,	Charles A. Morse,	Randolph,	21
	Ida A. Deane,	"	19
31,	Thomas Moore,	Brockton,	34
	Susan A. McCabe,	Holbrook,	30
June 3,	William Gill,	Randolph,	31
	Ellen Leary,	"	23

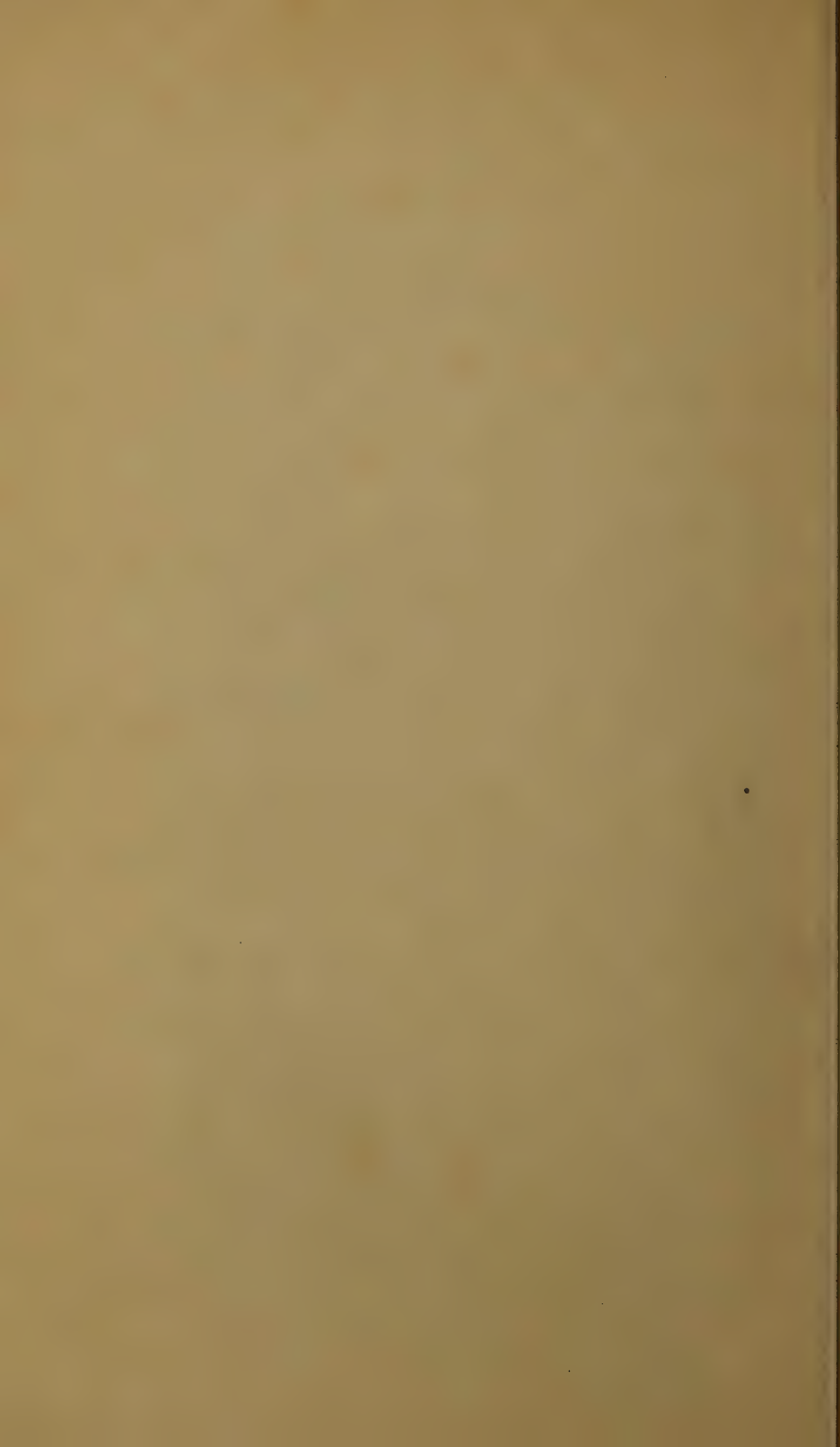
DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
June 17,	Gerald A. Purcell,	Randolph,	28
	Bridget F. Walsh,	"	27
20,	Charles F. Johnson,	Randolph,	28
	Marion Juby,	"	19
29,	John Lyons,	Randolph,	28
	Mary A. Bannon,	Boston,	25
29,	Charles F. Adams,	Randolph,	20
	Clarabelle Kennedy,	"	30
July 4,	John Mahoney, Jr.,	Randolph,	26
	Elizabeth Norton,	Boston,	25
10,	Eugene A. Godfrey,	Boston,	27
	Clara M. King (Brett,) . . .	Brockton,	24
Aug. 4,	John T. Roddan,	Randolph,	27
	Nellie M. Sullivan,	"	26
8,	S. Watson Gove,	Brockton,	22
	Nellie M. Woodman,	Randolph,	19
16,	Frederick C. Hollis,	Holbrook,	21
	Jennie F. Ross,	"	25
Sept. 21,	William H. Spear,	Randolph,	33
	Alice Donohue,	Brockton,	18
Oct. 20,	J. Sumner Fowler,	Boston,	27
	Alice C. Gove,	Randolph,	21
20,	Leander N. Gray,	Randolph,	27
	Minnie A. Seelig,	"	23
Nov. 17,	Andrew J. Brady,	Randolph,	27
	Mary E. Fox,	"	27
17,	Thomas R. Holsgrove,	Plymouth,	22
	Adelaide Heary,	"	20
21,	Adelarde Chapdelain,	Holbrook,	22
	Georgianna M. Gill,	"	20
21,	William P. Ryan,	Holbrook,	24
	Margaret T. Callahan,	"	22
24,	Bion E. Butler,	Stoughton,	25
	Emma Alden,	"	21
24,	Thomas F. Murray,	Randolph,	25
	Maggie T. Carroll,	"	26
24,	Alfred J. Greenwood,	Holbrook,	25
	Mary L. Greenwood,	"	21
Dec. 22,	Charles W. Fish,	Milton,	22
	Rachel A. Bunnell (Burrell) .	"	24
23,	James J. Doherty,	Stoughton,	22
	Julia A. Keefe,	"	22
29,	Thomas F. Dennehey,	Brockton,	27
	Margaret M. McCarty,	Holbrook,	22

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER
31, 1886.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1886.					
Jan.	16, Frank Morton,	49	4	13	Phthisis.
	17, Etta Tirrell,	6	9	15	Scarlatina Sequetor.
	18, Henry Smith,	67		27	Softening of the Brain.
18,	John Dooley,	79			Old Age.
Feb.	9, George H. Prescott,	42	8	15	Chronic Oates Arthritis.
Mar.	2, Patrick O'Connor,			3	Cyanosis.
	4, Katie Kelliher (McMahon),	29	10	21	Peritonitis.
	4, William Acherson,	55	3	14	Consumption.
	8, William Aldrich,			4	Cyanosis.
	13, Arthur G. Foster,		11	2	Pneumonia.
	15, Lois P. Crane (Towne),	70	5		Pleura Pneumonia.
	16, Clarence H. Deane,	35	2	19	Poisoned by overdose of Bro. Potassa.
	16, John Sanderson,	5	2	18	Purpura Hemorrhagica.
	18, Nathan L. Glidden,	22	8	27	Consumption.
	18, Margaret A. Belcher (Alden),	54	7		Consumption.
22,	Mary Powderly (Kerrigan),	36	10	26	Phthisis.
23,	Leonard A. Jones,	43	4	8	Organic Brain Disease.
27,	— Cole,			6	Marasmus.
27,	Mary A. French, Binney (Spear),	67	1	13	Bright's Disease.
30,	Caleb H. Dyer,	65	9	19	Chronic Pneumonia.
31,	Tamzine Hodsdon (Matthews),	82		10	Fracture of left thigh- bone.
April	30, Benjamin Kennedy,	88	9	27	Old Age.
	5, Loring Hayden,	60	6	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
May	23, Patrick L. O'Connor,	72	1		Enturitic.
	2, George H. Dyer,	52			Cirrhosis of Liver.
	2, William Shay,	4			Consumption.
	3, Charles O'Reilly,	6	11	24	Scarlet Fever, Internal in- jury.
June	3, Warren Belcher,	81	2	16	Paralysis.
	14, Lydia S. Worcester (Kenny),	82	2	3	Idiopathic Ileus.
	27, — Labaree,				Premature Birth.
	2, Cynthia Cartwright (Alden),	77	11	22	Phthisis, Heart Disease.
	5, C. Henry Kennerman,	44	10	8	Fistula in Ano.
	5, Alice M. Flynn,	16	2	9	Phthisis.
	19, David McGaughey,	1	10	1	Tubercular Meningitis.
23,	Catharine Nolan (Dunn),	53			Anasarca.
27,	Franklin B. Leonard,	80	1	9	Paralysis, Old Age.
29,	— Whitney (twin),			1	Stillborn.
30,	Addie F. Whitney (Morton),	18	8	12	Puerperal Convulsions.
July	4, Mary Halpin (Donnovan),	84			Old Age.
	10, John Kiley,	56			Railroad Accident.
31,	Robert N. Bennison,	38	5	12	Consumption.
August	3, Mary B. Carroll,			1	Cyanosis.
	3, Addison F. Whitney (twin),		1	5	Marasmus.
	5, Simon O'Brieu,	71			Pneumonia.
	6, William B. Shields,			29	Marasmus.
	9, Sarah E. Woodman,	20			Typhoid Fever.
	10, Sarah W. T. Howard (King),	67	8	14	Albuminuria.
	11, James Harris,	80			Apoplexy.
	15, William Phillip O'Brien,		1	16	Pertussis.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.	
		Y.	M.	D.		
1886.						
Aug. 16,	Nellie DeNeill,	3	2	8	Convulsions.	
	Emily A. Niles,	42	10	23	Hæmoptysis Phthisis.	
	Phillip Heney,	17	7		Typhoid Fever.	
	Alice G. Scannell,	1	6	3	Pertussis.	
	Eddie Clark,			7	Infantile.	
Sept. 31,	William H. Howard,		7	10	Cholera Infantum.	
	Charles Belcher,	81		10	Senile Mortification.	
	Charles S. Maguire,	54	7	7	Apoplexia.	
	Charles S. Foley,			1	Premature Birth.	
	Sally McIntire,	87	2	5	Old Age.	
Oct. 30,	Catharine Curran,			15	Convulsions.	
	Norah Kiley (Foley),	65			Consumption.	
	Bessie McMahon,		5		Enteritis.	
	Thomas P. Molloy,	17	8	5	Heart Disease.	
	Abbie F. Bump,	30	11	25	Cancer.	
Nov. 26,	Patrick, H. McMahon,	3	2	6	Scarlatina.	
	Isabella F. Hayden,	18	11	23	Consumption.	
	— Howard (twin),			1	Premature Birth.	
	— Howard (twin),			1	Premature Birth.	
	James F. Pope,	19	11	1	Typhoid Fever.	
Dec. 24,	Hannah Jones (Wild),	70	8	22	Pneumonia.	
	Mary Kane (O'Connor),	65			Cancer of Liver.	
	Mary E. Barrett (Shepard),	29	4	5	Pneumonia.	
	Peter S. Rooney,	37	7	21	Consumption.	
	David Burrell,	84		13	Old Age.	
1885.	Charles Holbrook,	85	11		Old Age, Apoplexy.	
	Ann Sullivan (Lee),	76			Alcoholia, Exposure.	
	John Bennett,	68	6		Consumption.	
	1885.					
	Nov. 20,	James Forrest,	40	1		Phthisis.



TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said
County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also one trustee for Stetson School Fund for three years, and one water commissioner for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray the general town ex-

penses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of interest on the " Randolph Water Loan " issued under authority of Sect. 5, Chap. 217 of the Acts of the year 1885, and by vote of the town, September 15, 1886.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and contribute to the sinking fund as required under Sect. 8, Chap. 217 of the Acts of 1885, to meet the payment of the " Randolph Water Loan " when due.

ART. 10. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines, and pay of enginemen and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 12. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen and posted according to law.

ART. 13. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves, under direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, G.A.R. ,

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take relative to the relocation of Cottage street, and building sidewalks on the same, as petitioned for by John B. Wren and others.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a sidewalk on the northerly side of Maple street, as petitioned for by Patrick Mullins and others.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in rela-

tion to building a sidewalk on Mill street, as petitioned for by James Burke and others.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of laborers employed by the town.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars for inside repairs of Stetson Hall, as asked for by the trustees.

ART. 20. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 21. To see if the town is in favor of granting a location for a street railroad between Randolph and Holbrook, and in such streets of Randolph as the selectmen may deem proper.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be the agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested, as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1887.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in relation to changing the time of holding its annual meeting, also the time of closing its financial year.

ART. 26. To hear and act on the report of any com-

mittee, and to choose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at Randolph, this twenty-first day of March, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
PETER B. HAND,
Selectmen of Randolph.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1887-8.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN B. THAYER.

RUFUS A. THAYER.

PETER B. HAND.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JOHN B. WREN, Term expires April 1, 1890.

THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN, " " 1, 1888.

THOMAS DOLAN, " " 1, 1889.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

HUGH J. MOLLOY, Term expires April 1, 1890.

JOHN B. WREN, " " 1, 1889.

THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN, " " 1, 1888.

Water Commissioners.

CORNELIUS McMAHON, Term expires 1890.

J. WHITE BELCHER, " 1889.

PETER B. HAND, " 1888.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.

ELISHA MANN, JR.

CHARLES F. McMAHON.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL. HENRY H. SHEDD.

FRANK J. DONAHOE. MICHAEL STANTON.

E. LAWRENCE PAYNE. JOHN P. ROONEY.

E. FORREST KNIGHT.

Tax Collector.

THOMAS DOLAN.

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM MANN.

A. J. TOWNS.

A. F. JONES.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.

GEORGE H. WILKINS.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

JAMES FARDY.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHAS. A. WALES, *Chief*.

WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.

JOHN HANEY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

CALVIN SANFORD.

Keeper of Lockup.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

RUFUS A. THAYER, of Randolph.

BERNARD DOLAN, of Stoughton.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Randolph herewith present to the citizens of the town their annual report of the expenditures in the several departments, for the financial year ending March 1, 1888.

APPROPRIATIONS,

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,000 00
Stetson High School,	2,000 00
repairs of highways,	3,000 00
general town expenses,	11,600 00
fire department,	1,980 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
medical attendance on the poor,	350 00
interest on "water loan,"	4,000 00
sinking fund,	3,075 00
Maple street,	200 00
Mill "	200 00
repairs of Stetson hall,	80 00
County tax,	1,323 16
State tax,	2,925 00
Total,	<u>\$38,833 16</u>

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1887.

Real estate,	\$1,484,500 00
Personal estate,	524,910 00

Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the State,	\$227,000 00
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State,	269,752 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,506,162 00</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1887, \$15.40 on \$1,000.

Population, Census of 1885,	3,807
Number of polls May 1, 1887,	1,166
dwellings May 1, 1887,	788½
horses " " "	358
cows " " "	224
acres of land taxed May 1, 1887,	5,964

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1888.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$12,000 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
One hook-and-ladder carriage and apparatus,	1,200 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,000 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	500 00
Twenty acres land, "Upham lot,"	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00

School-house and land, District No. 6,	\$1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares Randolph National Bank stock,	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value,	1,000 00
Turner Free Library,	5,000 00
Turner Free Library, building and land,	40,000 00
Turner Free Library fund,	5,000 00
Turner fund,	10,000 00
Water works,	100,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$33,574.73.

On account of schools,	\$8,737 86
Stetson High School,	2,000 00
highways,	2,653 99
removing snow,	245 24
paving,	278 59
town officers,	2,149 45
state aid,	1,499 00
military aid,	1,384 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
abatement of taxes,	316 93
funeral expenses,	283 50
fire department,	2,080 21
miscellaneous expenses,	1,517 74
poor in almshouse,	2,462 94
poor out of almshouse,	4,013 44
poor of Randolph and Holbrook,	1,026 97

On account of poor of other towns, . . .	\$1,179 14
state paupers and tramps, . . .	183 37
sidewalk, Mill street, . . .	226 02
sidewalk, Maple street, . . .	200 53
relocation of Cottage street, . . .	1,035 81
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	\$33,574 73

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
For schools,	\$8,000 00 }	\$8,722 06
Income from other sources,	883 72 }	
Stetson High School,	2,000 00	2,000 00
For Poor out of almshouse,	3,600 00	4,029 24
State paupers and tramps,		183 37
Poor in almshouse,	2,000 00	2,462 94
Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook,	800 00	1,026 97
Poor of other towns,		1,179 14
Repairs of highways,	1,500 00	1,564 71
Special repairs of highways,	1,000 00	1,089 28
Removing snow,	200 00	245 24
Paving,	300 00	278 59
Town officers,	2,000 00	2,149 45
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,800 00	1,517 74
Fire department,	1,980 00	2,080 21
State aid,		1,499 00
Military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ from state,	800 00	692 00
Abatement of taxes,		316 93
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	100 00
Sidewalk, Maple street,	200 00	200 53
Sidewalk, Mill street,	200 00	226 02

For Sinking fund, . . .	\$3,075 00	\$3,075 00
Interest on water bonds, .	4,000 00	*2,000 00
Repairs of Stetson hall, .	80 00	80 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1. — WILLIAM WHITE, SURVEYOR.

Paid William White and team, 12 days, . . .	\$45 50
William White, labor, 12 days, . . .	24 00
James Blythe, labor, 5½ days, . . .	11 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, 15 days, . . .	30 00
Town team and scraper, 1½ days, . . .	7 00
L. Stetson, 2 horses and man, 1 day, . . .	5 50
James Carroll and team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
James Carroll, labor, 2 days, . . .	4 00
Patrick Crosby, labor, 3 days, . . .	6 00
Patrick Welsh, labor, 4½ days, . . .	9 00
James Sutton, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
David Ahern, labor, 10½ days, . . .	21 00
Cornelius Ahern, labor, 7 days, . . .	14 00
Michael Devine and team, 4 days, . . .	14 00
John Sheean, labor, 3 days, . . .	6 00
Robert McAuliffe and team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
John V. Beal, gravel, . . .	10 25
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	\$216 25

DISTRICT NO. 3. — JAMES RILEY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Town team and scraper, 1½ days, . . .	\$6 00
James Riley, team and man, 1½ days . . .	8 25

* \$2,000 due April 1, 1888.

Paid James Riley, single team, 15 days 8½ hrs.,	\$57 43
James Riley, labor, 12¼ days, . . .	24 50
James Riley, boy, labor, 2½ days, . . .	2 70
James Riley, 11 posts,	2 20
Charles Mann, 1 horse, 1 day,	1 75
Charles Mann and team, 5 days,	18 75
Charles Mann, labor, 6 $\frac{9}{10}$ days,	13 80
Charles Mann, 8 posts,	1 60
Thomas Johnston, labor, 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ days,	21 20
Michael Lagon, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Thomas Duff, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Weston Mann, labor, 6 days,	12 00
William Carroll, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Patrick Barry, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 2 $\frac{2}{5}$ days,	4 80
Edward Riley, labor, 2½ days,	5 00
George Thayer, labor, $\frac{3}{10}$ day,	60
Frederick Howard, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Eugene Wilbur, labor, 4 $\frac{1}{5}$ days,	8 40
Charles Eddy, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Oliver H. Bowman, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Ansel Mann, labor, 6 days,	12 00
Litia Mann, labor, 3 $\frac{4}{10}$ days,	3 40
Ralph Mann, labor, 1½ days,	1 50
Thomas Riley, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Philip Riley, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Fred. Beyett, labor, ½ day,	50
Joseph Riley, labor, 1 day,	1 00
Willie Mann, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Emory Lyons, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Charles Bump, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Moses Scanlan, labor, 4 days,	8 00

Paid Timothy Crehan, labor, 1 day,	\$2 00
Mrs. Billings, 37 loads gravel,	2 59
Edwin Tabor, 101 loads gravel,	7 07
Charles Prescott & Co., nails,	36
Amasa S. Niles, 20 loads gravel,	1 40
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	\$290 80

DISTRICT NO. 5. — MARTIN L. EDDY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Town team and scraper,	\$4 00
Lincoln Stetson and 2 horses, 1 day,	4 40
Lincoln Stetson and team, 3 days	11 13
Francis Stetson and team, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	19 13
Leonard Pierce, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Thomas Donahoe, labor, $14\frac{8}{10}$ days,	29 60
Martin L. Eddy, labor, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days,	45 90
Martin L. Eddy and boy, $\frac{8}{10}$ days,	2 10
Boys, picking stones, 1 day,	1 00
William Smith, labor, $8\frac{6}{10}$ days,	17 20
Martin F. Smith and team, $2\frac{2}{10}$ days,	9 37
Manus Gallagher, labor, $3\frac{3}{10}$ days,	6 30
Thomas Devine, labor, $2\frac{7}{10}$ days,	5 50
Jedediah French, labor, 1 day,	2 00
R. A. Thayer, man and team, $3\frac{6}{10}$ days,	13 50
R. A. Thayer, posts and carting,	5 30
Martin L. Eddy, 110 loads gravel,	8 06
Mrs. Amasa Clark, 82 loads gravel,	5 78
H. M. White, nails,	88
Timothy Donahoe, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 00
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	\$208 15

DISTRICT NO. 6. — JAMES KEENAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid Town horses and scraper, . . .	\$4 00
Josiah Clark, two horses and man, . . .	7 00
Melvin Clark, labor on scraper, . . .	2 00
James Keenan and team, 18 days, . . .	63 75
James Keenan, labor, 11 days, . . .	22 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, $3\frac{7}{20}$ days, . . .	6 75
Patrick Crosby, labor, 2 days, . . .	4 00
James Sutton, labor, $1\frac{7}{20}$ days, . . .	2 75
James Barry, labor, $2\frac{7}{20}$ days, . . .	4 75
William Barry, labor, 4 days, . . .	8 00
John Meaney and team, 2 days, . . .	7 00
John Meaney, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
Michael Ford and team, 2 days, . . .	7 00
Michael Ford, labor, $4\frac{3}{10}$ days, . . .	8 60
James Carroll, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
John Carroll, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
James Blythe, labor, 4 days, . . .	8 00
Patrick Welsh, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
Cornelius Ahern, labor, 2 days, . . .	4 00
Richard Irving and team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
Thomas Devine and team, 1 day, . . .	3 50
John Sheean, labor, 4 days, . . .	8 00
Anthony Abenzeller, labor, 2 days, . . .	4 00
Elbridge Jones and team, 1 day, . . .	3 75
Elbridge Jones, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
Frederick Miller, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
Patrick Mahoney, labor, 1 day, . . .	2 00
Michael Ford, 133 loads gravel, . . .	6 65
John Meaney, 29 loads gravel, . . .	1 45
Adam F. Jones, 7 loads gravel, . . .	35

Paid James Hoyer, 20 loads gravel,	.	.	\$1 00
John Manning, 22 loads gravel,	.	.	1 10
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			\$206 90

DISTRICT NO. 7. — THOMAS GOOD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Thomas Good and team, $14\frac{8}{10}$ days,	.	.	\$55 28
Thomas Good, labor, $8\frac{2}{10}$ days,	.	.	16 18
Patrick Bohan, labor, $16\frac{7}{10}$ days,	.	.	33 27
George B. Dench, labor, $1\frac{2}{10}$ days,	.	.	2 10
Timothy Sullivan, labor, 14 days,	.	.	28 00
John Gill, labor, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	.	.	9 40
James Hurley, labor, 1 day,	.	.	2 00
Cornelius Good, labor, 10 days,	.	.	20 00
David Good, picking stone,	.	.	1 00
F. Welsh, picking stone,	.	.	2 15
J. Barry, picking stone,	.	.	1 80
C. Brady, picking stone,	.	.	1 65
J. Brady, picking stone,	.	.	1 50
D. McGaughey, picking stone,	.	.	50
Michael Good, labor, $6\frac{2}{10}$ days,	.	.	12 40
George Pierce, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.	.	1 25
R. W. Turner, 86 loads gravel,	.	.	6 02
W. French, 41 loads gravel,	.	.	2 87
Thomas F. Lynch estate, 49 loads gravel,	.	.	4 90
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			\$202 27

DISTRICT NO. 8. — THOMAS MORAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid Thomas Moran and team, $24\frac{1}{10}$ days,	.	.	\$87 87
Thomas Moran, labor, 4 days,	.	.	8 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $11\frac{2}{10}$ days,	.	.	21 90
Joseph Crosby, labor, $1\frac{1}{10}$ days,	.	.	2 20

Paid Patrick Carroll, labor, 5 days,	.	.	\$10 00
Patrick Barry, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	.	.	7 00
James Blythe, labor, 2 days,	.	.	4 00
Patrick Welsh, labor, $2\frac{2}{10}$ days,	.	.	4 40
Town team, labor, $\frac{3}{20}$ days,	.	.	90
Patrick Crosby, labor, 1 day,	.	.	2 00
William Carroll, labor, 1 day,	.	.	2 00
Matthew Moran, labor, $15\frac{7}{10}$ days,	.	.	31 40
William Shields, labor, $8\frac{9}{20}$ days,	.	.	16 90
Patrick McMahon, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	.	.	3 00
Bernard Flaherty, labor, 3 days,	.	.	6 00
Michael Sheridan, labor, 5 days,	.	.	10 00
Cornelius Ahern, labor, $1\frac{2}{10}$ days,	.	.	2 40
David Ahearn, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	.	.	1 00
Robert McAuliffe, labor,	.	.	75
Thomas Moran, 94 loads gravel,	.	.	7 27
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			\$228 99

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For loam sold sundry persons,	.	.	12 00
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			\$216 99

DISTRICT NO. 10. — GEORGE W. BURRELL, SURVEYOR.

Paid George W. Burrell, labor, $14\frac{3}{4}$ days,	.	.	29 50
James Riley, scraping,	.	.	5 75
Jedediah French, labor, $10\frac{3}{4}$ days,	.	.	21 50
Morton Holbrook, labor, $13\frac{6}{10}$ days,	.	.	27 20
Eugene Wilbur, labor, 1 day,	.	.	2 00
Town team and hand, labor, 7 days,	.	.	26 25
H. J. G. Burrell and team, $21\frac{7}{20}$ days,	.	.	10 60
H. J. G. Burrell, horse and cart, 1 day,	.	.	1 75

Paid H. J. G. Burrell, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$13 00
Chas. Burrell and team, $8\frac{7}{10}$ days,	32 62
Chas. Burrell, labor, 3 days,	6 00
Noah Chessman, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Aaron Prescott, 171 loads gravel,	18 15
Patrick Clark, 29 loads gravel,	2 03
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	\$223 35

HIGHWAYS, SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Paid Thomas Good, labor,	\$2 62
Thomas Good and team, labor, $5\frac{7}{10}$ days,	21 36
Thomas Moran, labor,	1 76
Thomas Moran and team, labor, $7\frac{4}{5}$ days,	29 52
Jedediah French, labor, $9\frac{8}{10}$ days,	19 60
George W. Pierce, labor, $58\frac{1}{10}$ days,	138 25
George W. Burrell, labor, $4\frac{3}{4}$ days,	9 50
Charles Burrell and team, labor, 1 day,	3 75
Charles Burrell, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Henry J. G. Burrell and team, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 37
W. H. Payne, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Matthew Graham, labor, 23 days,	46 00
Morton Holbrook, labor, 4 days,	8 00
Thomas Duff, labor, $19\frac{2}{5}$ days,	38 80
Patrick Welch, labor, 8 days,	16 00
David Ahern, labor, 16 days,	32 00
Thomas Donovan, labor, $\frac{1}{5}$ day,	40
Thomas Jones, labor, $\frac{3}{10}$ day,	60
Calvin Sanford and double team, labor, 6 days,	33 00
Calvin Sanford and single team, labor, 2 days,	7 00

Paid Calvin Sanford, use of horse and drag, 3 days,	\$5 25
William Shields, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
John O'Keefe, labor, $7\frac{5}{20}$ days,	14 50
Jackson Belcher, labor,	10 00
Patrick Bohan, labor $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 00
J. McMahon, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 00
M. P. Pike, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 9 days,	18 00
Cornelius Ahern, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 00
William Carroll, labor, 5 days,	10 00
James Carroll, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 00
Thomas Whalin, labor, 13 days,	26 00
Charles H. Mann and team, labor, 2 days, .	7 50
Calvin Sanford, single team, labor, $28\frac{4}{5}$ days,	51 58
William Doyle, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, $7\frac{4}{5}$ days,	15 60
Michael Gogan, labor, 2 days,	4 00
William Barry, labor, $6\frac{7}{10}$ days,	13 40
Robert McAuliffe, labor, $8\frac{1}{5}$ days,	16 40
Robert McAuliffe and team, labor, $1\frac{1}{20}$ days,	5 84
William White and team, labor, 2 days, .	7 50
James Blythe, labor, 2 days,	4 00
James Riley and others, labor,	16 72
Michael Ford, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Bernard O'Flaherty, labor, 2 days,	4 00
Michael Holden, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $5\frac{1}{20}$ days,	11 10
Martin F. Smith and team, labor, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	17 62
Michael Crowley, labor, 2 days,	4 00
William Brennan, labor, $\frac{8}{10}$ day,	1 60
John Gill, labor, $6\frac{1}{5}$ days,	12 40
James Hurley, labor, $4\frac{2}{10}$ days,	8 40

Paid Dennis Good, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	\$0 50
John Sheean, labor, $12\frac{4}{10}$ days,	24 08
Daniel Kiley, labor,	18 88
Daniel Kiley and team, labor, $\frac{4}{10}$ day,	1 40
Patrick Barry, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Joseph Maher, labor, 7 days,	14 00
Charles H. Cole and team, labor, $1\frac{6}{10}$ days,	6 00
Ansel Mann, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 00
Martin L. Eddy, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Thomas Devine, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Manus Gallagher, labor, $\frac{7}{20}$ day,	70
William Smith, labor, $\frac{2}{5}$ day,	80
John Devine, labor, $\frac{3}{10}$ day,	60
Michael Lagan, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	5 00
R. A. Thayer, man and team, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 50
F. E. Stetson, man and team, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 50
S. B. Corliss, stone and use of derrick,	112 73
M. M. Alden, labor,	3 18
J. B. Rhines, lumber,	13 54
S. B. Woodman, labor and stock,	34 38
John T. Wales, carting stone,	2 50
James Fardy,	40
John O'Keefe, for stone,	1 50
John O'Keefe, for road-rock,	30
John Kelly, for stone,	75
Aaron Prescott, 195 loads gravel,	20 16
William Shields, 5 loads gravel,	35
Heirs of T. F. Lynch, 305 loads gravel,	30 32
C. A. Wales, 116 loads gravel,	8 27
John V. Beal, 25 loads gravel,	2 50
Thomas Moran, gravel,	42
George W. Pierce, drills, &c.,	2 93

Paid John Sullivan, for stone,	\$1 25
Daniel Kiley, for powder and drills,	1 45
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	\$1089 28

PAVING.

Paid Matthew Graham, labor, $25\frac{3}{10}$ days,	\$50 60
John Desmond, labor, $7\frac{1}{10}$ days,	14 20
Thomas Duff, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Town team, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days,	11 37
Walter Page, paving, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days,	60 75
Joseph Maher, labor, $13\frac{1}{10}$ days,	26 20
Patrick Bohan, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days,	27 00
Patrick McMahan, labor, 9 days,	18 00
John Sheean, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Thomas Moran and team, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,	28 12
Michael Sheridan, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
Lewis Jones, labor, $2\frac{6}{10}$ days,	5 20
William Carroll, labor, 1 day,	2 00
Thomas Whalin, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days,	3 00
John O'Keefe, labor, $3\frac{3}{10}$ days,	6 60
Robert McAuliffe, labor, 6 days,	12 00
James Fardy, repairing tools,	40
Frank H. Langley, repairing tools,	35
Margaret Donahoe, 12 loads sand,	1 20
Chas. A. Wales, 12 loads sand,	1 20
T. F. Lynch estate, 30 loads sand,	3 00
H. M. White & Co., nails,	40
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	\$278 59

SIDEWALK MAPLE STREET.

Paid Matthew Graham, labor, $15\frac{3}{4}$ days,	\$31 50
John Desmond, labor, 2 days,	4 00

Paid Thomas Duff, labor, $13\frac{3}{20}$ days,	. . .	\$26 30
John B. Magrane, labor, $11\frac{3}{4}$ days,	. . .	23 50
John O'Keefe, labor, $6\frac{3}{4}$ days,	. . .	13 50
Martin P. Pike, labor, $6\frac{3}{20}$ days,	. . .	12 30
Michael Lagan, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{10}$ days,	. . .	15 30
Bernard Flaherty, labor, 1 day,	. . .	2 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, 2 days,	. . .	4 00
Town horses, labor, 15 days,	. . .	26 25
John V. Beal, 62 loads gravel,	. . .	4 96
E. W. Campagna, labor,	. . .	8 00
M. M. Alden, plank for railing,	. . .	11 00
M. M. Alden, carting plank,	. . .	3 00
James Fardy, iron work,	. . .	14 92
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		\$200 53

SIDEWALK MILL STREET.

Paid Jedediah French, labor, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. . .	21 00
Patrick Bohan, labor, 8 days,	. . .	16 00
Lewis Jones, labor, 8 days,	. . .	16 00
Patrick Welch, labor, 5 days,	. . .	10 00
Noah Chessman, labor, 7 days,	. . .	14 00
Timothy Sullivan, labor, 7 days,	. . .	14 00
Morton Holbrook, labor, 5 days,	. . .	10 00
George W. Pierce, labor, $7\frac{4}{10}$ days,	. . .	18 15
Daniel Kiley, labor, $6\frac{7}{10}$ days,	. . .	15 07
Drills, powder, and fuse,	. . .	5 17
Town teams, labor, 7 days,	. . .	26 25
Town teams, double, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	. . .	8 25
T. F. Lynch estate, 131 loads gravel,	. . .	11 79
M. M. Alden, box and plank,	. . .	6 59
E. W. Campagna, labor,	. . .	9 38
James Fardy, iron work,	. . .	24 37
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		\$226 02

COTTAGE STREET.

Paid Adam F. Jones, labor,	\$12 25
John O'Keefe, rend-rock,	1 75
John O'Keefe, labor, 11 days,	22 00
John Meaney, labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day,	1 50
George W. Pierce, labor, 10 days,	25 00
George W. Pierce, use of drills,	1 30
J. McMahon, labor, $7\frac{4}{10}$ days,	14 80
Daniel Kiley, labor, $1\frac{7}{10}$ days,	3 82
Michael Lagan, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	11 00
William Shields, labor, $16\frac{1}{2}$ days,	33 00
Jedediah French, labor, 15 days,	30 00
Robert McAuliffe, labor, 18 days,	36 00
Patrick Welch, labor, 14 days,	28 00
Bernard O'Flaherty, labor, 14 days,	28 00
Cornelius Ahearn, labor, 14 days,	28 00
David Ahern, labor, 14 days,	28 00
Michael Lagan, labor, 5 days,	10 00
Town teams and two hands, 11 days,	82 50
" " swing drag, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	13 75
T. F. Lynch estate, 381 loads gravel,	38 10
Horace B. Libby, labor and stock,	47 29
Wales Bros., labor on pump,	8 00
James Fardy, bolts and labor,	1 25
Charles A. Wales, land damage,	500 00
Charles A. Wales, moving fences,	30 00
Daniel Leahy, posts,	50
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	\$1,035 81

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Thomas Good and others,	\$40 05
James Keenan and others,	35 95
Thomas Moran and others,	42 00
James Riley and others,	59 14
Jedediah French and others,	10 20
Martin L. Eddy and others,	8 80
Matthew Graham and others,	19 00
William White and others,	15 20
George W. Burrell and others,	14 90
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	\$245 24

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid John B. Thayer,	\$400 00
Rufus A. Thayer,	300 00
Peter B. Hand,	300 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid John B. Wren,	125 00
Thaddeus T. Cushman,	100 00
Thomas Dolan,	100 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John T. Flood,	50 00
Hiram C. Alden,	75 00
George H. Wilkins,	50 00
James Fardy,	50 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

Paid Thomas Dolan, taxes of 1886,	\$310 45
Thomas Dolan, taxes of 1887,	200 00
Town Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1887,	10 00
Engineers of the Fire Department for ser- vices to May 1, 1887,	79 00
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	\$2,149 45

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110, G.A.R.,	\$100 00
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Total,	\$100 00

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account state), .	\$1,499 00
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Total,	\$1,499 00

MILITARY AID (CHAPTER 30, SECTION 10).

Paid sundry persons (as per account state), .	\$1,384 00
One half paid by the state,	692 00
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Total paid by the town,	\$692 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Thomas Dolan for the year 1886, . . .	\$316 93
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Total,	\$316 93

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 81 funerals, .	\$283 50
Total,	<u>\$283 50</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see Engineers' report), \$2,075 31	
Total,	<u>\$2,075 31</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1,300 town reports,	\$287 60
Daniel H. Huxford, printing jury list, warrants, and notices,	69 75
Daniel H. Huxford, printing voting lists and notices,	80 25
Colin Boyd, care of hall for town meetings, room used by town officers, and posting notices,	66 20
Francis, Doane & Co., stationery,	10 02
J. White Belcher, insurance,	172 86
M. M. Alden, labor and stock,	13 82
Woman's Relief Corps, order of John T. Flood,	20 00
Trustees Stetson High School Fund, repairs of hall,	80 00
F. W. Deane, services as Town Clerk <i>pro tempore</i> ,	10 00
A. J. Gove, sundry bills,	29 08
Howard and Parker, for extinguishers,	45 00

Paid Eleazer Beal, surveying,	\$10 00
Fred. A. Spear, printing notices, . .	20 00
A. E. Sproul,	5 00
E. Lawrence Payne, special services, .	7 50
E. Lawrence Payne, damages,	100 00
F. J. Donahoe, special services, . .	7 50
Howard House,	21 75
Henry Campbell, varnishing hearse, . .	15 00
Michael Stanton, special services, . .	7 50
Asa French, professional services, . .	25 00
Charles K. Darling, tax book,	1 25
John P. Rooney, special services, . .	7 50
Mary Sullivan, rent of land,	10 00
Frank H. Langley, labor and stock, . .	57 06
Town of Stoughton, tax on Upham lot, .	8 31
Ralph Houghton, for medical examiner, .	3 50
Edwin M. Mann, wood and labor, . . .	46 00
Henry H. Shedd, special services, . .	7 50
George W. Pollock, repairing furniture, .	9 75
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	76 60
Charles H. Belcher, supplies,	9 76
Walworth Manufacturing Co., iron pipe, .	2 65
John B. Thayer, cash paid,	35 50
James Fardy, labor and stock,	10 95
Charles A. Wales, labor and stock, . .	4 85
R. W. Turner, for insurance,	45 00
Charles Prescott & Co., supplies, . . .	23
Franklin Porter, supplies,	50
John B. Thayer, services Board of Health,	16 77
Rufus A. Thayer, " " " " " "	16 67
Rufus A. Thayer, cash paid,	12 25
Peter B. Hand, services Board of Health, .	16 67

Paid Peter B. Hand, cash paid,	.	.	.	\$8 50
George W. Wales, postage,	.	.	.	5 14
Frank H. Jaquith, care of room,	.	.	.	1 00
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				\$1,517 74

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1888 : —

There was appropriated at the last annual meeting, for this purpose, what the Overseers thought was a sufficient sum for the year, but the amount expended has exceeded by a small sum our estimate. Our aim in all cases has been to give needful and reasonable aid without encouraging a spirit of pauperism. The almshouse and its many inmates is still under the supervision of Calvin Sanford and wife, of whom we can offer no greater praise than we find in the last report of the "State Board of Charity," who speak of it as among the first in the state for neatness, good order, proper care of its inmates, and general discipline.

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

David McKay,	.	.	.	52 weeks.
Lewis Linfield,	.	.	.	"
Edmund Eddy,	.	.	.	"
William Doyle,	.	.	.	"
Ann Holbrook,	.	.	.	"
Catherine Heney,	.	.	.	"
Frances McMath,	.	.	.	"
Polly Eddy,	.	.	.	"
Maggie Morrissey,	.	.	.	"
William Morrissey, Jr.,	.	.	.	"
Teresa Long,	.	.	.	"

Mary Maxwell, . . .	52 weeks.
Ellen Buckley, . . .	"
* William Tilson, . . .	33 weeks.
† Henry D. Holbrook, . . .	12 "
Mary Morse, . . .	4 "
Eddie Morse, . . .	4 "
Hugh Currie, . . .	11 "
James Upham, . . .	42 "
Lydia A. Dyer, . . .	11 "
Lorenzo Eddy, . . .	8 "
Lysander Holbrook, . . .	2 "
Otis Hobart, . . .	9 "
Patrick Shay, . . .	2 "
Charles Alden, . . .	5 "
Emma Brown, . . .	2 "
Emma Brown, 2d, . . .	2 "
Carrie Brown, . . .	2 "
Edith Brown, . . .	2 "
George Brown, . . .	2 "
Frederick Brown, . . .	2 "
Bertie Brown, . . .	2 "
Daniel Morse, . . .	4 "

EXPENSES FOR ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid William H. Cobb, one drag, . . .	\$5 00
Franklin Porter, supplies, . . .	40 00
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, . . .	230 12
Calvin Sanford, salary one year, . . .	500 00
" " supplies, . . .	114 56

* Refunded, \$39 00.

† Refunded, 8 00.

Paid A. J. Gove,	\$10 65
Manus Gallagher, manure,	12 37
Michael Lee,	9 38
N. Rosenfeld, supplies,	80 01
Tucker Manufacturing Co.,	1 50
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	50 12
George W. Burrell, 2 shoats,	10 00
“ “ “ 1 ton salt hay,	10 00
John F. Fowkes, repairing harness,	3 00
John F. Casey, fish,	30 91
H. H. Guinan, supplies,	65 70
D. B. White, coal,	147 05
Frank H. Langley, labor and stock,	11 21
Charles H. Belcher, supplies,	115 30
James Fardy, labor and stock	8 00
Ingalls Kendrick, labor on boiler,	19 20
S. B. Woodman, labor and stock,	47 35
Charles E. Higgins, painting	164 02
Sidney French, supplies,	25 35
C. A. Wales, labor and stock,	35 42
W. A. Hodges, supplies,	7 00
A. & O. W. Mead, butter,	7 00
M. Williams & Co.,	7 59
Reuben Tuttle, beef,	6 15
A. J. Towns, ice,	8 70
William White, 2 shoats,	9 00
John B. Thayer, sleigh,	25 00
“ “ “ labor,	2 00
Michael Ford, milk,	1 25
Charles Prescott & Co., supplies,	130 41
H. B. Libby, labor and stock,	4 28
E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	1 35

Paid A. L. Chase, medical attendance, . . .	\$17 80
O. M. Sheridan, " . . .	18 00
W. M. Babbitt, " . . .	16 42
Albert Hawes, supplies, . . .	192 90
S. Austin Thayer, supplies, . . .	229 90
D. B. White & Co., " . . .	31 96
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	\$2,462 94

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Stock on hand March 1, 1887, . . .	\$2,886 60
Cash paid for supplies to March 1, 1888,	2,462 94
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	\$5,349 54

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Stock on hand March 1, 1888, . . .	\$2,912 05
Labor town teams,	382 84
Board of sundry persons,	281 30
Town of Holbrook, board of sundry persons,	233 20
Stock and produce sold,	76 81
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	3,886 20
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Net expense of almshouse,	\$1,463 34

RELIEF OF POOR OF RANDOLPH OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$187 35
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	177 35
for William Kinsley, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	53 18
for Margaret Ward, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	68 71

Paid for Charles Alden,	\$114 50
for Hiram Holbrook,	93 23
for Loring Jones,	96 00
for Mrs. James Butler,	45 00
for John McKay, board of child,	8 00
for William Whitten,	2 00
for Mrs. Bridget Long,	29 00
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family,	191 35
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family,	184 00
for Mrs. John Lynch and family,	78 10
for Charles F. Adams,	20 00
for Mrs. Maurice Colbert,	60 25
for Noah Holbrook,	59 00
for Timothy Mannix,	65 47
for Paul T. Clark and family,	156 31
for Elizabeth Dumphy and family,	35 95
for Mrs. Mary Chessman,	233 65
for Charles H. Abbott,	52 00
for Patrick Barry,	42 00
for William Shields, Jr.,	27 66
for Mrs. John Fencer,	38 50
for Mrs. Richard DeNeil,	12 00
for Ann F. Thayer,	100 00
for Mrs. William Allen,	144 30
for Lucinda Holbrook,	52 00
for Mrs. Inez Davis,	8 75
for Mrs. Lorena Beal,	86 00
for Thomas Donahue and family,	151 65
for Lysander Morse,	9 15
for Christiana Sloan and family,	84 90
for Isaac Sloan,	3 00
for Mrs. Edward Bracken and family,	192 92

Paid for Thomas Johnson,	\$3 00
for John Leahy,	52 31
for Mrs. Eliza Myers,	65 00
for Patrick Crosby,	6 00
for James Fitzgerald,	28 85
for Mrs. Ellen Addisson and family,	36 65
for Hugh Currie,	6 00
for Frederick Nolan,	33 17
for Frederick Miller,	6 00
for Alexander Holbrook,	83 20
for Isaac Holbrook and wife,	161 10
for Mrs. William H. Ainsley and family,	215 74
for Mrs. Luke O'Reilly,	124 20
for Lysander Holbrook,	18 00
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt,	96 25
for Mrs. John Carey and child,	84 86
for Mrs. Margaret Riley,	37 64
for William Abbott,	6 85
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	\$3,928 05

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$195 92
for Thomas F. Hand and family,	66 60
for James Meaney,	50 52
for Ebenezer Holbrook,	155 86
for John E. Mann and family,	126 50
for Morris Kiley, board of child,	17 00
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	158 00

Paid for Albert Howard,	\$68 13
for James Conley,	5 59
for George F. French,	3 50
for Lawrence Leavitt,	18 05
for Lorenzo Eddy,	4 00
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	73 30
for Mrs. Mary Mullins,	84 00
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	\$1,026 97

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Louisa Poole, Holbrook,	\$127 50
for John E. Glover and wife, Quincy,	132 61
for Alvah Nightingale, Duxbury,	4 00
for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook,	235 05
for Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree,	60 00
for Frederick Fowler, Easton,	214 50
for Mrs. Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	54 00
for Lewis Crovo, Boston,	92 17
for Mrs. Wilfred N. Pendergrass and children, Holbrook,	165 00
for Rufus I. Jones, Holbrook,	8 00
for Mrs. Thomas Sanderson, Braintree,	70 01
for Lucius Hollis, Holbrook,	8 25
for Mrs. Eliza Brown and family, Holbrook,	4 05
for Mrs. H. S. Johnson, Boston,	4 00
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	\$1,179 14

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, keeper of lockup,	\$142 12
Nathaniel Noyes, labor,	3 64

Paid D. B. White & Co., supplies,	\$3 85
N. H. Tirrell, painting lockup,	8 00
F. F. Smith, charcoal,	3 60
D. B. White, coal,	13 75
Charles H. Belcher, supplies,	4 91
John B. Thayer, labor,	3 50
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	\$183 37

The following sums of money have been paid to the several physicians for medical aid to persons under charge of the Overseers of the Poor, to April 2, 1888:—

Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman,	\$50 00
Dr. Charles C. Farnham,	50 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase,	50 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen,	50 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt,	50 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger,	50 00
Dr. Oliver M. Sheridan,	50 00
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	\$350 00

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1888.

The undersigned auditors of the Town of Randolph respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
CHARLES F. McMAHON,

Auditors.

ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,
March 1, 1888.

2 horses,	\$300 00
2 cows,	125 00
2 swine,	24 00
32 hens,	25 00
8 tons English hay,	160 00
2 tons swale hay,	24 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton salt hay,	6 00
1 road scraper,	175 00
2 horse carts,	125 00
1 farm wagon,	70 00
1 carryall,	85 00
1 two-horse wagon,	60 00
1 swing drag,	60 00
1 small drag,	6 00
1 mowing machine,	40 00
1 hay cutter and feed trough,	8 00
2 gravel screens,	15 00
2 cart harnesses,	30 00
1 carriage harness,	10 00
1 pair double harnesses,	50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole,	50 00
1 stump puller and hook,	25 00
4 draft chains,	10 00
2 grindstones,	8 00
1 carriage-jack,	2 00
6 baskets,	2 00
3 ploughs,	16 00

1 harrow,	\$5 00
8 hay and manure forks,	5 00
4 shovels,	5 00
2 iron bars and 3 picks,	5 00
3 wood-saws and sawhorses,	4 00
4 hoes, 8 garden and hay rakes,	4 00
4 scythes and snaths,	3 00
2 handsaws, plane, and square,	4 00
1 bitstock and bits and iron vise, hammer, &c.,	5 00
3 stone hammers and 32 drills,	42 00
40 flour barrels,	6 00
9 cords hard wood fitted for stove,	72 00
4 tons coal,	28 00
60 bushels potatoes,	60 00
Garden vegetables,	8 00
4½ barrels flour,	25 00
52 pounds butter,	15 60
50 pounds lard,	6 00
250 pounds salt pork,	30 00
25 pounds corned beef,	2 50
50 pounds tripe,	5 00
40 pounds crackers,	3 20
42 gallons molasses,	21 00
44 gallons vinegar,	11 00
1½ bushels beans,	3 75
15 jars pickles and preserves,	3 00
350 pounds sugar,	24 50
20 pounds tea,	10 00
Spices,	2 00
5 pounds tobacco,	2 00
Grain and meal,	10 00
1 cooking range and furniture,	45 00

1 small stove,	\$5 00
1 fire extinguisher,	40 00
9 flat-irons,	4 00
3 boxes Davis soap,	12 00
1 sewing machine,	16 00
50 yards dress gingham,	5 00
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	15 00
1 ice chest,	12 00
Clothes wringer and tinware,	15 00
10 hand, 3 hanging lamps, 3 lanterns,	8 00
1 clock,	4 00
12 cuspadores,	6 00
26 iron bedsteads,	156 00
12 feather beds,	75 00
25 under beds,	36 00
80 sheets,	40 00
36 colored blankets,	36 00
26 white blankets,	26 00
64 pillow cases,	12 00
12 bed spreads,	12 00
36 comforters,	36 00
54 feather pillows,	32 00
40 towels,	5 00
5 tablecloths,	6 00
7 small and 4 dining tables,	2 00
1 black walnut extension table,	10 00
1 all-wool carpet,	22 00
60 chairs,	30 00
6 brooms,	1 50
1 churn,	4 00
Coal shovels and hoes,	5 50

3 axes,	\$3 50
1 wheelbarrow,	3 50
1 tobacco cutter,	4 00
Shingles,	124 50
2 snow-ploughs,	30 00
1 sleigh,	25 00
1 carriage robe, 2 horse blankets,	8 00
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	\$2,912 05

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1888.

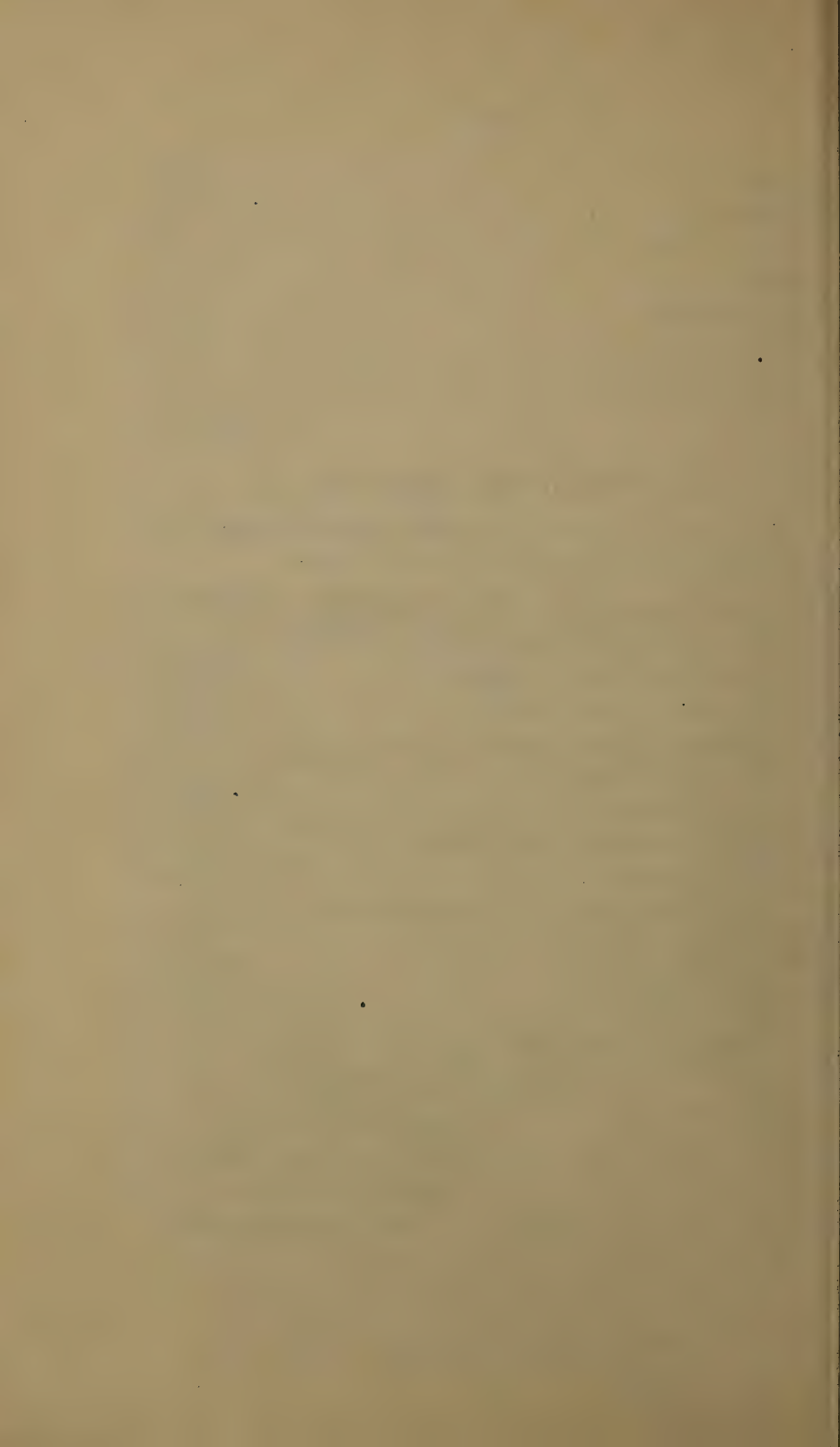
The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town : —

For schools (see report of school committee) .	\$8,375 00
Stetson High School (see report of trustees)	1,850 00
Miscellaneous town expenses,	1,800 00
Highways, general repairs,	2,000 00
Highways, special repairs,	1,000 00
Poor in almshouse,	2,000 00
Poor outside,	3,600 00
Poor of Randolph and Holbrook,	800 00
Military aid,	800 00
Fire department (see engineer's report) .	
Paving,	300 00
Removing snow,	200 00
Town officers,	2,000 00
Interest on town debt,	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
PETER B. HAND,

Selectmen of Randolph.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.
1887-88.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the requirements of the law, and the near approach of the annual town meeting, the school committee hereby make and submit to the citizens of Randolph a report of the present condition of the public schools.

The committee beg leave to state that the general condition of the schools during the past year has been very prosperous, and the school work has gone on quietly and without serious interruption.

They regret to have to note the retirement from the North Grammar School of Miss Alice A. Smith, who tendered her resignation November 4, to accept a more lucrative position at Dedham.

They follow her into her new sphere of duty with best wishes for happiness and success, and gladly record their appreciation of the good service which she has rendered. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Smith was filled by the promotion of Miss Ellen P. Henry from No. 3 ungraded school, as the committee felt that in her charge the high efficiency of the school would not be impaired; and Mrs. Ann M. Belcher, a former teacher of No. 3 school, was temporarily placed in charge of the school, as the fall term was drawing to a close.

At the opening of the winter term on November 28, Miss Sarah C. Belcher was promoted from No. 5 ungraded school to No. 3, and Miss Rose M. Brady, a graduate of Stetson High School, was appointed in her place.

During the Christmas holidays, Miss Carrie L. Wilkins

resigned her position at the North Primary School, where she had successfully taught since her appointment as teacher in 1882, and Miss Clara A. Tolman, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School, was appointed to fill the vacancy, and we are pleased to note that the new teachers are giving good satisfaction.

The time of graduation and promotion has been changed from the end of the winter term to the end of the spring term, to conform to the custom of the majority of the schools in the state; and the committee feel that the change will prove to be a benefit to our school system, as it will induce scholars to finish the course of studies in the grammar schools, as many cannot afford to longer continue at school; and those wishing to enter other schools, under our old system of graduation, would have to wait until September before they could do so, or else leave before graduating.

The graduating exercises this year will occur in June, and the promotions to higher grades will be made in September.

The primary and grammar schools of the town have been in session the usual thirty-eight weeks, exclusive of vacations, making the school year which this report covers, and which closed March 9; and these schools are as well organized and as nicely classified as the nature of accommodations at hand will warrant, as we cannot get the same degree of perfection in mixed schools that is to be found in the graded schools. It is true beyond a doubt that the pupils in our public schools to-day receive good care at the hands of their teachers, and many of us can look back to the long sessions of the past, during which the little children in the primary schools spent most of their time with folded arms, waiting patiently for school to close, and became so tired

that the school-room had no charms for them. In the character of the work now required of the children, and the frequent change of employment, there is a recognition of the fact that children should be treated as children, and that the mind that directs and governs them should be full of kindness and love, for these little ones look up to the teacher as a friend. When a large number of small children are gathered in one room, some attention must be paid to order and also to quietness, but our teachers do not feel that their chief business is to keep order in school; they know that by furnishing proper employment to children, and when that employment is presented in such a manner that they do not regard it as a task imposed, but as a pleasant duty to be performed, discipline will take care of itself, and the hours of school will flit by almost unnoticed.

The committee wish to call the attention of the parents to the seeming lack of interest displayed by many of them in the progress made by their children.

Only once a year many of them are aroused to anxiety and a display of interest, when their children fail of promotion. Had this interest been shown during the year, the teacher would feel encouraged in her work, and the pupils would be aroused to greater efforts.

If the parents, from personal observation, knew more about the manner in which the schools are conducted, there would be a stronger tie binding the home and school. The doors of our schools are open to no more welcome guests than the mothers and fathers of our pupils, and we hope that they will make them *one* visit at least, for if they make one they will surely make *more*, and it will give the teachers more satisfaction to know that their efforts are appreciated.

At the late fair of the Business and Improvement Society,

there was a competition between the grammar schools for a drum, to be given to the school securing the largest number of votes. The prize was awarded to the Prescott Grammar School, but generous-hearted citizens of the north part of the town, knowing the disappointment felt, and the diligent work done towards securing the prize, presented the North Grammar School with a fac-simile of the drum awarded to the other school. The children march to the dressing rooms, procure their clothing, return to the school room, and there, under the direction of the teachers, properly clothe themselves; then, at the tap of the drum, march out of the buildings, keeping time with the music.

By the enumeration of May 1, 1887, there were in the town at that time six hundred and fifty-two children between the ages of five and fifteen years, a decrease of thirty-three from the census of 1886. There has, without doubt, been more sickness this year than last to interrupt school attendance, especially among the smaller children; and besides this, there are many parents who will keep their children out of school for the most trivial causes; and we hope they will remedy this during the coming year, for pupils who attend irregularly not only derive very little positive benefit from school themselves, but disturb and lessen greatly the advantages of the other members of their classes.

We are pleased to state that the school buildings are in good order, the Tower Hill school-house having been repaired during the past year, and a new fence built on the west side of the North Grammar school-yard. During the coming year the blackboards in many of the schools will have to be repaired, and, with other permanent repairs, will probably cost \$200.

The financial statement following shows the aggregate cost

of the schools, and, in detail, the manner in which the funds applicable to schools have been applied. And very favorable terms have been made in the purchase of books by exchange, and the net gain to the town in this way has been a considerable one ; and there is an unexpended balance in the treasury of \$127.85.

The committee respectfully recommend to the town to raise and appropriate for the support of the public schools the sum of \$8,200 and the dog money.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1887-8.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14.	Number under 5 years.	Number not absent during the year.
<i>High School.</i>	Hugh J. Molloy. Ada B. Chandler. Ada H. Tucker. }	95	80	75	93	41	30		
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	55	59	47	94	14	41	0	1
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	56	52	49	94	3	53	0	2
	Kate E. Sheridan.	33	31	30	97	0	33	0	0
	Mary A. Molloy.	38	34	33	97	0	38	0	1
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary E. Wren.	33	32	29	90	0	12	0	
	Kittie R. Molloy.	40	36	35	97	0	3	0	1
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	60	39	36	92	0	0	7	
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	65	53	49	91	0	65	0	2
	Ellen P. Henry.	39	34	29	85	2	35		2
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	35	33	30	90	0	15	0	2
	Clara A. Tolman.	32	29	22	75	0	5	0	
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	44	32	28	87	0	40	1	4
" 3. "	Sara C. Belcher.	37	33	25	76	0	22	2	0
" 5. "	Rose M. Brady.	29	28	16	57	0	14	3	0
" 6. "	Mary L. Howard.	41	38	33	87	0	24	4	3
	Totals	732	634	566	89.2	60	432	17	18

The following-named have been reported to the committee,
and constitute the "Roll of Honor" in attendance : —

NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

Josephine L. Martin.	Charles Brady.
Carroll A. Capen.	Nellie Pope.
Dwight F. Thayer.	Joseph H. Clerk.
Joseph Purcell.	Edith E. Holbrook.
Willie Clark.	Lizzie Brady.
Thomas Good.	Carrie A. Devine.
John E. Devine.	Percy H. Paine.

NOT ABSENT DURING TWO TERMS.

Edward J. O'Brien.	Clifford Balkam.
Katie Boyle.	Charles E. Clark.
Robert W. Lenox.	M. Everett Baker.
Edward S. Stetson.	Annie A. Grady.
Leroy C. Holbrook.	Charles A. Boyd.
Mattie Sullivan.	Nellie DeNeill.
Thomas Carroll.	Cornelius Good.
John Haney.	Nellie Rooney.
Teresa Pope.	Lilla Pratt.
Chester L. Paine.	

NOT ABSENT DURING ONE TERM.

Peter Sullivan.	Maude Mann.
Rose Donahoe.	John R. McGaughey.
Joseph Mahoney.	Eugene L. McAuliffe.
George E. Pierce.	Kittie Boyle.
Arthur Tracy.	Nellie G. Prescott.
William Gallagher.	Ethel E. Roberts.
Julia Lennehan.	Maud A. Howard.

Gordon R. Thayer.
 Lillie M. Allen.
 Etta E. Stewart.
 Fannie Foley.
 Willie Mahady.
 Charles Perry.
 Charles Powderly.
 John Connors.
 Gertrude Sullivan.
 Louis Boyle.
 Lee Porter.
 Richard DeNeill.
 Charles Grover.
 Nellie McAuliffe.
 Isabelle Perry.
 Nellie Forrest.
 Nellie Sullivan.
 Kittie Smith.
 Thomas F. Devine.
 Blanche B. Day.
 Annie E. Tucker.

Thomas Dunn.
 Hattie I. Stetson.
 Howard W. Thayer.
 Maggie Good.
 John McAuliffe.
 Arnold Thayer.
 Alice Sullivan.
 William Foley.
 John Kelleher.
 Francis McLaughlin.
 John B. Purcell.
 John Flaherty.
 Thomas Uniack.
 Charles W. Martin.
 Frank Martin.
 Annie Schraut.
 John Linnehan.
 Hannah B. Scanlan.
 Willie P. Jones.
 Shirley E. Roberts.
 Henry J. Mann.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1887-88.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher,	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Isabella G. Driscoll,	.	.	.	.	.	449 92
Kate E. Sheridan,	.	.	.	.	.	399 00
Mary A. Molloy,	.	.	.	.	.	380 00
Alice A. Smith,	.	.	.	.	.	231 49

Paid Mary E. Wren,	\$380 00
Ellen P. Henry,	388 32
Sara C. Belcher,	375 51
Mary L. Howard,	352 50
Minnie W. Corliss,	342 00
Emma D. Stetson,	342 00
Kittie R. Molloy,	352 50
Sara Jane McCaughey,	342 00
Carrie L. Wilkins,	238 00
Mrs. Joseph Belcher,	30 00
Rose Mary Brady,	97 50
Clara A. Tolman,	75 00
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	\$6,775 74

CARE OF ROOMS, 1887-88.

Paid Galen Hollis, on account 1886,	\$25 00
Margaret Reilly,	26 30
Lawrence Hayes,	6 66
Margaret Reilly, care and lighting,	21 84
Margaret Reilly, care and lighting,	21 44
Rose E. Stetson, care room,	5 00
Herbert C. Wilbur,	5 00
Galen Hollis,	25 00
Margaret Reilly, cleaning school-houses,	15 60
Mary Harty, cleaning school-houses,	15 60
May E. Ward, cleaning school-houses,	11 00
Labor of a boy 5 days,	5 00
Andrew E. Hayes, care room,	2 60
Margaret Reilly, care rooms, &c.,	21 64
Rose C. Stetson, cleaning room,	5 00
Margaret Reilly, cleaning rooms,	21 04

Paid Margaret Reilly, cleaning rooms, &c.,	\$21 40
Galen Hollis,	33 33
Herbert C. Wilbur, care and cleaning,	10 40
Rose E. Stetson,	5 00
Margaret Reilly,	15 98
Margaret Reilly,	21 04
Colin Boyd, care committee-room,	6 00
Herbert C. Wilbur,	10 00
Margaret Reilly,	32 06
Caleb Stevens, care room and labor,	21 50
James Barry, care room, cleaning, and labor,	27 00
Galen Hollis, care rooms,	33 33
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	\$470 76

BOOKS AND OTHER SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Edwin E. Babb & Co., books,	\$11 26
Wm. Ware & Co.,	3 00
Boston School Supply Co., bills,	245 45
Harper Brothers, merchandise,	8 30
Geo. W. Pollock, moulding board,	1 50
J. L. Hammett, bills,	15 08
Wm. H. Chaffin & Co., merchandise,	13 05
Geo. S. Perry,	22 11
Silver Rogers & Co., music chart,	7 50
Harrison Hume,	1 88
Harper Bros.	18 14
J. L. Hammett,	21 33
Boston School Supply Co.,	27 76
Wm. Ware & Co.,	67 85
Ginn & Co.,	2 67

Paid J. L. Hammett,	\$5 95
Adams & Ingraham,	9 00
Harper Bros.,	9 00
John B. Wren, supplies,	6 55
Thomas J. Manning, pencil sharpeners,	3 50
J. L. Hammett,	8 75
Wm. Ware & Co.,	15 00
Harrison Hume,	2 63
Ginn & Co.,	8 00
Copperthwait & Co.,	7 50
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	\$542 76

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Harrison Hume, books,	\$2 33
F. M. Ambrose, supplies,	32 01
Carl Schoenoff, books and supplies,	19 04
Thomas Hall, supplies,	18 05
Clark, Maynard & Co.,	5 23
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	22 11
Winckley, Dresser & Co.,	4 11
Ginn & Co., two bills, Nos. 800 and 227,	10 27
F. A. Spear, printing,	2 00
Harper Bros.,	13 61
D. Appleton & Co.,	7 83
D. C. Heath & Co.,	8 58
J. W. Staniford & Co.,	4 65
Thomas Hall, merchandise,	5 37
Clark, Maynard & Co.,	8 70
Edwin N. Lovering,	6 46
Clark, Maynard & Co.,	24 30
Warren P. Adams,	5 25

Harrison Hume,	\$5 00
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	4 50
Carl Schoenoff, books,	6 11
Hugh J. Molloy, supplies,	3 74
Hugh J. Molloy, "	2 48
D. C. Heath,	1 50
Corporate seal,	5 00
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	\$228 23

GENERAL AND INCIDENTAL.

Edward A. Perry, labor and material,	\$10 75
Thomas Reilly, clearing snow three hours,	75
Deborah M. Jones, use of well two years, to '87,	6 00
Thomas Dolan, expenses purchasing school supplies,	4 90
Maurice E. Scanlan, labor and posts,	1 30
John B. Wren, taking census of school children,	20 00
Andrew J. Gove, teams and expressage,	8 60
Daniel H. Huxford, printing and advertising, '86,	17 50
Nathaniel Noyes, labor and material, W. Cor.	6 23
Henry M. White, feather duster,	2 25
Daniel B. White, merchandise,	9 58
Edward A. Perry, labor,	1 00
Michael Mackedon, two door-steps, N. Gram.,	4 00
Bernard Doonan, carting same,	1 50
Martin F. Smith, horse and cart, 7 loads gravel,	4 20
Peter Sheridan, two days' labor,	4 00
Bernard Wren, two days' labor,	4 00
Andrew E. Hayes, use of well, 1887,	3 00
Samuel W. Willard, repairing pump,	1 50
N. H. Tirrell, painting fence,	8 00

Nathaniel Noyes, repairs,	\$6 02
N. Rosenfeld, curtains, &c.,	2 60
Charles A. Wales' bill,	43 49
Daniel H. Huxford, printing, &c., 1887,	13 50
Nathaniel Noyes, labor,	11 02
Charles H. Belcher, supplies,	18 13
A. J. Gove, teams and expressage,	17 00
John P. Rooney, truant officer, 1887,	20 00
Galen Hollis, truant officer, 1886 and 1887,	30 00
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	\$280 82

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Thomas Reilly, sawing and splitting wood,	\$10 00
Daniel Leahey, for wood, Prescott,	25 00
R. W. Turner, coal,	6 50
R. E. Stetson, preparing wood, 2 bills,	3 00
Daniel B. White, 42 tons of coal,	258 80
Andrew E. Hayes, preparing wood,	2 00
Morton M. Holbrook, preparing wood,	2 75
Daniel Leahey, wood, N. S. & N. Gram.,	10 00
Edwin M. Mann, wood,	2 50
Eph. Wales,	2 50
W. L. Mann, preparing wood,	1 87
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	\$324 92

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid Eugene W. Campagna, labor and material for fence at N. G.,	\$77 14
Henry H. Francis, shingling $\frac{1}{2}$ Tower Hill school-house,	37 50
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	\$114 64

RECAPITULATION.

Paid care of rooms,	\$470 76
Books and other supplies,	542 76
General and incidental,	280 82
Ex. Stetson High School,	228 23
Fuel for schools,	324 92
Permanent repairs,	114 64
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	\$1,962 13
Paid for teaching,	6,775 74
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Total,	\$8,737 87

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

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Town appropriation,	\$8,000 00
Dog tax,	589 34
State tax,	196 38
Coddington fund,	80 00
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	\$8,865 72
Expense of schools,	8,737 87
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Unexpended balance,	\$127 85

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. WREN,
THOMAS DOLAN,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Randolph, March, 1888.

School Committee.

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

To the selectmen and inhabitants of Randolph the trustees of Stetson High School submit the following report : —

The funds remain invested as follows : —

10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank,	. \$1,000 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank (par),	. . 1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank (par),	. . 1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank (par),	. 1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank (par),	. . 1,000 00
11 shares Boylston National Bank (par),	. . 1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank (par),	. . 1,000 00
10 shares Old Boston National Bank (par),	. . 1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank (par),	. . 1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank (par),	. . 1,300 00
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	\$10,600 00

THE TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis Bond, \$1,000 00
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The only change is in the shares of Old Boston Bank, changed from 20 shares of fifty dollars each to 10 shares of one hundred dollars each.

The trustees have not received the bank tax paid into the State treasury by the banks, with the exception of the Randolph Bank, which has paid the tax. We are credibly informed that the remaining banks will pay the whole amount due the Stetson School Fund in a short time, which will amount to four or five hundred dollars.

The financial statement of the treasurer will exhibit the receipts and expenditures of the Stetson High School for the year ending March 1, 1888.

There were admitted to the school in March, 1887, thirty-three pupils :

Twenty-five in the English course.

Eight in the Latin course.

There were at that time ninety-five pupils of the several classes :

Number in the English course, 68.

Number in the Latin course, 27.

The number now in the school, March 1888, is 72.

The school opened on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1887, with Mr. E. N. Lovering as principal, and Miss A. B. Chandler and Miss A. H. Tucker, assistants. The spring term closed June 24, 1887, followed with a vacation of ten weeks.

The fall term commenced September 5, 1887, with the above-named teachers, until October 21, at which time Mr. Lovering resigned to fill the vacancy in the high school in Winchester. The trustees filled the place occupied by Mr. Lovering, by the election of Hugh J. Molloy, a resident of Randolph and a graduate of Boston College.

The school board have made a change in the school year, which will commence in September instead of March, as usual. Such change will, of necessity, make the present school year one term longer than heretofore, closing in June, 1888, at which time the graduating exercises will be held in Stetson Hall.

That the trustees and teachers may be able to maintain the good standing of the school, the trustees would most

respectfully ask the town to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars, in order that no embarrassment may arise in carrying on this school in the best interest of the inhabitants of Randolph.

T. T. CUSHMAN.
JOHN B. WREN.

Randolph, March, 1888.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1887.

	To balance old account,		\$5 02
April 1.	To dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
	Webster, " "	20 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "	25 00	
	Exchange " "	25 00	
	Boylston " "	30 00	
	Tremont " "	20 00	
	Old Boston " "	20 00	
	Shawmut " "	39 00	
	Randolph " "	65 00	
			299 00
April 25.	Town appropriation for inside repairs of hall,		80 00
May 31.	Town appropriation for school (in part),		1,000 00
Oct. 3.	Dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
	Webster " "	25 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "	25 00	
	Exchange " "	30 00	
	Boylston " "	30 00	
	Tremont " "	25 00	
	Old Boston " "	25 00	
	Shawmut " "	39 00	
	Randolph " "	65 00	
			319 00
Oct. 24.	Town appropriation (balance of),		1,000 00
1888.			
Jan. 6.	Tax on bank stock (in part) refunded by State,		35 67
	Amount received from rental of hall,		207 50
			<u>\$2,946 19</u>

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct.

The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1,000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund, the same as reported by the trustees.

JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
PETER B. HAND,

Randolph, March 17, 1888.

Selectmen of Randolph

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1887.

April 27.	By paying	F. A. Stanley, repairs, . . .	\$76 68
		Colin Boyd	5 00
		R. W. Turner, insurance, . .	30 00
May 6.		J. O. Whittemore, repairs, . .	4 00
		N. H. Tirrell, painting, . . .	11 30
		Phebe W. Bunker, use of piano,	30 00
21.		Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . .	84 00
June 3.		E. N. Lovering, balance of salary, 1886,	135 74
27.		Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . .	52 50
		Miss A. B. Chandler, salary, . .	171 05
July 1.		Colin Boyd,	25 00
12.		E. N. Lovering, salary, . . .	513 15
Aug. 12.		E. A. Perry,	1 25
Sept. 23.		Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . .	31 50
30.		E. N. Lovering, salary, . . .	157 89
Oct. 3.		N. H. Tirrell,	3 00
6.		D. B. White, coal,	55 35
21.		D. H. Huxford,	18 00
22.		E. N. Lovering, salary, . . .	115 38
Nov. 12.		F. F. Smith, charcoal, . . .	12 00
		Edwin M. Mann, wood, . . .	15 00
		E. N. Lovering, bal. salary, . .	3 00
19.		Miss A. B. Chandler, salary, . .	157 89
		Miss A. H. Tucker, " . . .	73 50
23.		Hugh J. Molloy, "	157 89
25.		Colin Boyd,	25 00
30.		Geo. V. Noyes, repair of clock, .	1 75
Dec. 16.		Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . .	63 00
17.		Hugh J. Molloy, "	94 73

1888.

Jan. 6.		Charles A. Wales,	19 98
		Stationery,	42
30.		Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
Feb. 4.		J. White Belcher, insurance, .	1 90
27.		Edwin M. Mann, wood, . . .	7 50
Mar. 2.		Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	189 47
		Colin Boyd,	27 20
		J. E. Nash,	2 07
6.		Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . .	95 50
8.		Miss A. B. Chandler, salary, . .	171 06
9.		A. G. Whitcomb, new desks, . .	81 00
12.		D. B. White & Co., coal, . . .	43 50
		School supplies, &c.,	28 00
		Trustees and secretary, . . .	20 00

\$2,938 46

Balance,

7 73

\$2,946 19

C. G. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1887-88.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D.D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM H. BALKAM, JR., *Secretary.*

JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER, PETER B. HAND,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE,

JOHN V. BEAL,

NATHANIEL HOWARD,

J. WINSOR PRATT,

JOHN B. THAYER,

GILBERT A. TOLMAN,

JOHN J. CRAWFORD.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS M. LIZZIE STANLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the twelfth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library, and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, and of the librarian, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1887.

TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library, funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster, and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1887, has been \$606.75:—gasoline and fuel, \$355.67; expressing, \$23.08; janitor, \$126.60; insurance, \$43.75; repairs, \$38.66; other sundry supplies, \$18.99. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The building and contents are in good order and condition, and no large expense for the present year is anticipated.

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, William H. Balkam, Jr., and Edwin N. Lovering), and the books were found in the same excellent condition as in former years.

The general work of the library varies but slightly from year to year, and beyond the usual statistics prepared by the librarian and the reports of the various committees there is but little of importance to communicate.

The whole number of volumes in the library,

Dec. 31, 1887,	10,050
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Volumes added during the year,	377
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Total number of days the library was open to the public,	285
The number of volumes issued during the year,	19,676
The largest number issued in one day,	312
The smallest number issued in one day,	3
Daily average	69

FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments; and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1887, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1887.	RECEIPTS.
Balance on hand,	\$365 36
Received rent from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co., six months,	150 00
Received rent from Charles H. Belcher, six months,	150 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association,	15 00
Received from town, interest on note,	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund,	580 00
Received for fines and catalogues,	45 13
Received from banks for their proportion of heat,	72 50
Received from banks and others for their proportion of light,	140 00
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	\$2,117 99

Jan. 1, 1887.	EXPENDITURES.
Amount paid for books, papers, magazines, and binding,	\$741 31
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year,	126 60
Amount paid for gasoline and fuel,	355 67
Amount paid for insurance,	43 75
Amount paid for printing and postage,	62
Amount paid for expressing,	23 08
Amount paid for sundry repairs,	38 66
Amount paid for sundry supplies,	18 99
Balance on hand,	269 31
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	\$2,117 99

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt, and Peter B. Hand) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true

and accurate ; that a cash balance of \$269.31 is now in the treasury. They further find that all the rents, the interest, and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured. The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consist of \$5,000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the farther sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner Fund,' invested as follows :—

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1000 each.

"For the current year the income is estimated as follows :—

From rents,	\$600 00	
Interest on town note,	300 00	
From Turner Fund,	580 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,480 00

"No appropriation of money will be asked from the town to aid in meeting the current expenses for the present year.'

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 10, 1888.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
RANDOLPH, March 1, 1888.

To the Selectmen of Randolph:

Gentlemen, — The following report is respectfully submitted with a statement in detail of the number of fires that have occurred in town, and the expenses of the department for the year ending February 29, 1888.

The roster of the department as organized May 1, 1887, is as follows: —

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*Chief*), John Haney (*Assistant*), W. A. Croak (*Clerk*).

COMPANIES.

Steamer 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; F. J. Donahue, *Fireman*.

Steamer 2, J. Clark, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; W. M. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hose Co. No. 2, 10 men, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*; C. N. Thayer, *Driver*.

Hook-and-Ladder Co. No. 1, 25 men, Nelson E. Knight, *Foreman*.

Chemical Engine No. 1, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*.

FIRES.

May 3, 1887, 6.20 A.M., alarm for fire in building on Main

street, owned by heirs John O'Brien, and occupied by C. T. Powderly as an oyster saloon ; damage about \$30 ; insured.

May 23, 1887, 2.30 A.M., alarm for fire in the M. E. chapel on High street (Tower Hill) ; wholly consumed ; loss on building \$800 ; insurance 600 ; loss on contents \$350 ; insured \$200.

May 24, 1887, 12.30 A.M., alarm for fire in dwelling on North street, owned and occupied by Michael Lee. House nearly destroyed, and barn damaged about \$100 ; loss on house \$900 ; insured \$600 ; barn insured \$250.

May 24, 1887, 9.30 A.M., members of the department responded to a still alarm for a slight fire in dwelling in rear of A. J. Gove's stable owned by heirs of John Long.

Jan. 15, 1888, 8 P.M., a slight fire was discovered in the basement of the 1st Congregational Church, the chief engineer being called with members of the department extinguished the same with very little damage ; overheated furnace.

EXPENSES.

Paid 70 men, services one year to May 1, 1887,	\$840 00
70 men, 245 hours at 25 cts.,	61 25
J. H. Wales, engineer steamer 1, to May, 1887,	40 00
F. J. Donahue, fireman steamer 1, to May, 1887,	30 00
E. L. Payne, engineer steamer 2, to May, 1887,	40 00
W. M. Howard, fireman steamer 2, to May, 1887,	30 00
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, from Nov. 1886, to Nov. 1887,	300 00
A. J. Gove, expressing, &c.,	3 00

Paid W. M. Howard, steward and care of fires from March 1, 1887, to March 1, 1888, .	\$78 50
F. L. Payne, care of steamer 2 from March 1, to Oct., 1887,	20 65
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fires from Oct. 26, 1886, to Jan. 28, 1888, .	93 75
F. J. Donahue, steward and care of fires from Feb. 21, 1887, to Feb. 27, 1888, . . .	85 00
James Farrell, janitor hose 1, to May 1, 1887,	6 00
N. E. Knight, steward, &c., hook-and-lad- der 1,	12 50
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	\$1,640 65
 Paid J. E. Blanche, drawing chemical engine 1,	15 00
J. Clark, drawing steamer 2,	24 00
Colin Boyd, care of room of engineers from March, 1886, to March, 1888, . . .	17 00
M. M. Alden, shingling house of chemical 1 and steamer 2,	96 29
Howard & Parker, 3 portable extinguishers,	45 00
Howard & Parker, chemicals for "	9 00
D. H. Huxford, printing notice, . . .	1 00
D. B. White, supplies,	2 84
E. Hodge & Co., repairs boiler tubes str. 1,	5 15
A. S. Jackson, supplies,	9 60
C. A. Wales, labor and supplies, . . .	20 18
W. A. Croak, labor and supplies, . . .	9 72
E. M. Mann, wood,	8 00
D. B. White, coal for steamers and engine houses,	113 75
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for steamers and engine houses,	20 00

Charles Prescott, supplies,	\$5 31
James Fardy, iron work steamer 1,	4 90
C. H. Belcher, supplies,	2 98
Cash for labor of various persons, fires in woods (2 years),	29 84
Total expense,	<u>\$2,080 21</u>
Received from rent of houses (2 years), \$18 00	
from sale of leather hose,	4 00
from Water Board, for coal,	28 00
Paid Town Treasurer,	<u>50 00</u>
Net expense,	\$2,030 21
Appropriation,	<u>1,980 00</u>
Balance,	\$50 21

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, and consists of two steamers, two hose carriages, one chemical engine, three portable chemical extinguishers, one hook-and-ladder truck, 2,800 feet canvas hose, harnesses, extra ladders, &c.

HOUSES.

The three engine houses are in good condition. The house of engine No. 2, and chemical engine No. 1, have been shingled the past year, and with minor repairs that have been made in all the houses we can report them in good condition, except that the floor of house of steamer 1, or rather its foundation, will need attention soon.

WATER SUPPLY.

On the application of the Superintendent of the Randolph and Holbrook Water Works, steamer No. 1 and horse hose 2 were taken to Holbrook on Oct. 24, 1887, to assist the Holbrook steamer to force water from a small pond on Weymouth street into the stand-pipe on Porter's Hill. On Nov. 26, 1887, the same apparatus were used to force water from a brook on South Main street, Randolph, into stand-pipe in rear of residence of Caleb Stevens on said street, about 2,300 feet of hose being laid for each machine.

On January 30, 1888, on the application of the Water Board, the Board of Engineers detailed several members of the Fire Department to assist in testing the fire hydrants, which took place at 1 o'clock P.M., in front of the town hall near the Warren street depot, Baptist church North Main street, and at the west corner near the residence of Mr. A. J. Towne. The Board of Engineers was present, also the Board of Water Commissioners, and many citizens of the town.

The exhibition proved very satisfactory in every respect, both the horizontal and perpendicular playing, and also the power of the stream. There were many favorable comments by those present upon the successful operation of the fire service as shown on this occasion, proving beyond a doubt that with the introduction of water through the pipes along our streets, there is now no further use for the bulky and cumbersome fire department of "ye olden time." At the conclusion of the exhibition the firemen, by invitation of Mr. A. J. Towne, partook of a bountiful collation at his residence.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSE, &c., FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Presuming that the town may desire some change that will conform to the new order of things, we would recommend that the town purchase a hose wagon to be used in place of one of the hose reels now in use ; for, as will readily be seen, a much smaller amount of hose will be needed than formerly on the occasion of a fire. There are various implements that will be needed to increase the number of streams from the hydrants and to control the same, &c. We will therefore recommend the same amount of appropriation for Fire Department purposes as last year, as follows : Pay of men, \$12 each, and 25 cents per hour for labor at fires ; engineers of steamers, \$40 each ; firemen of steamers, \$30 each ; \$1,000 for general expenses.

C. A. WALES.
JOHN HANEY.
W. A. CROAK.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR. TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

1888. March.

Paid town orders,		\$33,574 73
Treasury notes,		14,375 00
Interest on treasury notes,		1,053 68
Interest on water bonds, 6 months,		2,000 00
Water Commissioners am't rec'd for water bonds, premium, and int.,		104,682 63
Water Commissioners on acct. sink- ing fund,		3,075 00
State Treasurer, state tax,		2,925 00
State treasurer, National Bank tax,		2,884 15
Expense :		
Expense on water bonds, advertis- ing, &c.,	\$75 50	
Winkley, Dresser & Co., books,	22 36	
W. M. Babbitt, returning birth,	25	
A. L. Chase, returning births,	3 50	
F. C. Granger, returning births,	9 75	
T. T. Cushman, returning births,	75	
E. Linfield, returning birth,	25	
C. C. Farnham, returning births,	75	
E. A. Allen, returning births,	1 25	
R. Houghton, returning deaths,	19 75	
H. C. Alden, Town Clerk, returning births, marriages, and deaths,	51 40	
Books for Registrars,	2 40	
Stamps and stationery,	9 09	
Town Clerk Stoughton, election re- turns,	5 00	
Treasurer,	300 00	
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Balance due from T. Dolan,		
Tax Coll., on tax of 1887, \$9,258 69		
Balance due from Treasurer, 3,012 58		
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Balance		12,271 27
		<hr/> \$177,343 45

HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

Cr.

1888. March.

Balance,		\$9,353 29
Received for treasury notes,		12,175 00
for tax bill, 1887,		37,510 00
for water bonds,		100,000 00
for premium and interest on water bonds,		4,682 63
for bank dividends, Coddington fund,		80 00
of T. Dolan, Tax Collector, on acct. of interest on taxes, 1886,		212 34
of C. C. Churchill, County Treasurer, on account dog licenses,		589 34
of F. Marble, pedlar license,		10 00
C. R. Lyons, " "		10 00
Isaac Niles, auctioneer "		2 00
H. L. Peirce, Ponkapoag pond,		10 00
of State Treasurer, corporation tax,		4,239 64
" " National Bank tax,		2,919 32
" " state aid,		775 92
" " military aid,		1,603 50
" " state school fund,		196 38
of Water Commissioners, for coal,		28 00
of Engineers, for rent of engine house, and hose sold,		22 00
of City of Boston, for pauper,		87 42
" Taunton, for pauper,		52 86
of Town of Quincy, for pauper,		122 96
" Braintree, for pauper,		130 01
of town farm, for labor of teams, produce sold, and board of sundry persons,		752 15
of Town of Weymouth, for pauper,		55 55
" Holbrook, pauper and mil. aid.		1,289 63
" Easton, for pauper,		325 04
for salt grass, Coddington fund,		18 00
for aid refunded by sundry persons,		90 47

 \$177,343 45

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

1888. March.	Dr.	
Town notes,		\$18,100 00
Town water bonds,		100,000 00
Interest due on notes and bonds,		2,700 00
Unpaid bills, estimated, and due firemen, May 1, 1888,		1,650 00
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		\$122,450 00

1888. March.	Cr.	
Coddington Fund,		
8 shares Randolph Nat. Bank, \$1,600 00		
Salt marsh,	500 00	
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		\$2,100 00
Due from T. Dolan, Tax Collector, tax 1887,		9,258 69
for state aid,		1,499 00
for military aid,		692 00
from other towns,		300 00
from Treasurer,		3,012 58
Amount of sinking fund,		3,186 37
Balance,		102,401 36
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		\$122,450 00

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1888.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers and entries for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
ELISHA MANN, JR.,	
C. F. McMAHON,	

RANDOLPH WATER WORKS *in account with* HIRAM
C. ALDEN, *Treasurer.*

1887.	DR.	
April	Received for bonds, \$25,000 00 .	\$25,813 89
May	" " " 10,000 00 .	10,417 90
June	" " " 15,000 00 .	15,735 84
July	" " " 50,000 00 .	52,715 00
Aug.	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	189 72
Sept.	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	169 34
"	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	146 38
Nov.	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	118 37
"	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	71 52
Dec.	" of E. J. Chadbourn, supt., for service connections, .	520 63
Jan. 1888.	" of E. J. Chadbourn, supt., for service connections, .	509 99
"	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	54 76
Feb.	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	40 91
"	" of Randolph National Bank, interest on deposits, .	34 40
"	" of E. J. Chadbourn, supt., for service connections, .	675 17
		<hr/> \$107,213 82

1887.	CR.	
May	Paid sundry orders drawn by Com'rs,	\$15,102 47
June	" " " " " "	18,507 14
July	" " " " " "	8,577 89
Aug.	" " " " " "	6,657 48
Sept.	" " " " " "	8,794 83
Oct.	" " " " " "	18,882 55
Nov.	" " " " " "	9,396 97
Dec.	" " " " " "	2,533 03
Jan. 1888,	" " " " " "	4,859 58
Feb.	" " " " " "	3,875 76
Balance,	10,026 12
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		\$107,213 82

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1888.

We the undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, have this day examined the accounts of Hiram C. Alden as treasurer of the water commissioners, and find the same correct, and the balance as stated above to be on deposit in the Randolph National Bank.

C. G. HATHAWAY,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
ELISHA MANN, JR.,	
C. F. McMAHON,	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

1887.	DR.	
April.	Received of the Town Treasurer the amt. voted at the annual meeting, April, 1887,	\$3,075 00
Oct.	Received of the Town Treasurer on acct. of interest on loan to the town,	61 50
	Received of the Town Treasurer for note,	3,000 00
1888.		
March.	Received for coupons on Fitchburg R.R. bonds,	67 50
		<u>\$6,204 00</u>

1887.	CR.	
April.	Loan to the town of Randolph,	\$3,000 00
Oct.	Paid for Fitchburg R.R. $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent cou- pon bonds,	3,000 00
	Paid accumulated interest on Fitchburg R.R. $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent coupon bonds,	17 63
	Balance,	186 37
		<u>\$6,204 00</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Amount to credit of the sinking fund invested as follows :
Three bonds of the Fitchburg Railroad, \$1,000
each, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent coupons, \$3,000 00

Cash,	186 37
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										\$3,186 37

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1888.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, have examined the Sinking Fund statement of Hiram C. Alden, Treasurer, and find the same to be correct.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. McMAHON,
Auditors.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH, MASS., IN THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1887.		
Jan. 3,	Alonzo H. McCartney, . . .	Henry and Lottie P. (Roxborough).
14,	John L. Mullins, . . .	Timothy H. and Katie T. (Foley).
17,	Anna Johnson, . . .	Thomas W. and Martha L. (Barry).
19,	John L. Good, . . .	William E. and Maria J. (Kelliher).
7,	Sarah Burke, . . .	John L. and Lizzie A. (Meighan).
3,	Carrie E. Russell, . . .	Fred W. and Maggie (Brady).
16,	— Branley, . . .	Thomas E. and Rosella (Fouche).
1,	Catharine R. Dolan, . . .	Charles and Kate (Welch).
10,	Margaret Sullivan, . . .	Patrick J. and Mary E. (Brennan).
31,	Albert H. Spear, . . .	Willie A. and Alice (Donohue).
Feb. 12,	Anna Kiley, . . .	Patrick M. and Letitia (Ray).
13,	Edward A. Forrest, . . .	Richard, Jr., and Mary E. (Kane).
15,	Margaret A. O'Halloran, . . .	William and Annie E. (Fox).
27,	Bertie C. Johnson, . . .	George M. and Hannah E. (Russell).
25,	Henry DeForest Jones, . . .	DeForest and Etta (Huff).
15,	Cheever C. Ross (dead), . . .	Robert and Anna (Rooney).
March 20,	Eugene C. Peirce, . . .	John Q. and Ellen M. (Norris).
7,	Harold B. Bryant, . . .	Charles F. and Annie B. (Bullock).
18,	Edwin E. Burrell, . . .	J. E. and Emma (Sessions).
4,	Cath'ine J. Kennedy (dead), . . .	Thomas A. and May J. (Gibbons).
31,	Alice Rose Kelly, . . .	William F. and Rose A. (Maguire).
April 6,	Sarah Elizabeth Welch, . . .	Thomas C. and Lizzie F. (Patten).
25,	Nellie M. Hayden, . . .	William H. and Lizzie A. (Drury).
14,	Elbridge Morse, . . .	Lysander and Mary (Sloan).
28,	— (Illegitimate, male), . . .	Fred Leavitt and Mrs. Cora Holbrook.
24,	— Brazee (dead), . . .	Sherman and Abby T. (Saville).
30,	Franklin G. Orcutt, . . .	Abiah G. W. and Emma E. (Mason).
May 22,	Ruth M. Knight, . . .	Edwin F. and Lucinda F. (Wood).
30,	Cave W. Bolin, . . .	August and Solie (Swanson).
12,	John E. Roddan, . . .	John T. and Nellie M. (Sullivan).
18,	Francis Henry, . . .	Charles and Mary A. (Welch).
21,	Antona Bacegalespo, . . .	Gaetano and Jennie (Church).
27,	John L. D. French, . . .	George W. and Mary J. (Day).
June 29,	William F. McMahon (dead), . . .	William F. and Hannah (Foley).
29,	William O'Brien, . . .	William P. and Joanna (Barry).
4,	Elizabeth E. Taylor, . . .	Franklin and Mary E. (DeNiel).
25,	Elizabeth Linnahan, . . .	Nicholas and Mary E. (Casey).
23,	Mary A. Ryan, . . .	Patrick and Hannah (Reardon).
29,	Henry A. Clark, . . .	James W. and Mary (Bentley).
July 31,	Ann Walsh, . . .	John B. and Mary E. (Dwyer).
28,	Arthur E. Shields, . . .	William, Jr., and Jennie A. (Peirce).
10,	Alice O'Connor, . . .	Edward and Julia (Sweeney).
Aug. 26,	Nora Murphy, . . .	John and Kate (Casey).
2,	Ruth L. Jones, . . .	Albert E. and Edith A. (Leach).
22,	George Kelliher, . . .	Dennis and Rose H. (Riley).
24,	William F. Carroll, . . .	William J. and Mary J. (Hanley).
11,	Ellen Foley, . . .	David J. and Katie F. (Dolan).
3,	— Bradley (dead), . . .	Seth D. and Abby D. (Drury).
Sept. 17,	Susan C. Schrant, . . .	Simon and Anna M. (Byer).
8,	Judith M. Swindell, . . .	James H. and Elizabeth (Hodgkinson).
23,	Anna Sutton, . . .	John H. and Mary E. (McDonald).
30,	James Carroll, . . .	Thomas E. and Mary J. (McInery).
24,	Timothy Lehan, . . .	Cornelius and Bridget (Roche).

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1887.		
Oct., 19,	Bessie Waite Elliott, . .	George and Sybil A. (DeCosta).
6,	Ralph Grover, . . .	Edward E. and Henrietta F. (Motte).
25,	Ralph H. Otis (illegitimate),	Thomas H. Perkins and Jennie W. Otis.
15,	Nellie Brady, . . .	Andrew J. and Mary E. (Fox).
31,	Leonard T. Wall, . . .	William F. and Bridget H. (Fox).
23,	Rosie Laviile, . . .	Felix E. and Kate (Bannon).
Nov. 27,	Marion Marshall Lovering,	Edwin M. and Helen M. (Bowers).
2,	Edna F. Wood, . . .	Walter C. and Cora B. (Howard).
5,	Isabella Gertrude Hogan, .	William J. and Helen C. (Allard).
13,	Florence J. Sullivan, . .	James F. and Mary Elizabeth (Foley).
10,	Ellen Dunphy, . . .	Michael P. and Elizabeth (Donohue).
15,	James A. Smith, . . .	Martin F. and Mary E. (Callahan).
4,	Mary H. McDonald, . . .	John E. and Sarah J. (Shea).
11,	Harold J. Gray, . . .	Leander N. and Minnie (Selig).
18,	Elmer W. Poole, . . .	John H. and Sarah A. (Wentworth).
11,	Gertrude Ina Good, . . .	Cornelius and Mary (Welch).
Dec. 8,	Kittie J. English, . . .	Thomas and Fannie (Hogan).
30,	Henry Newton Marble, .	Lloyd H. F. and Rena (Hayward).

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH DURING THE YEAR 1887.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1887.			
Jan. 5,	Samuel Chesley French,	Stoughton,	31
	Edith Florence Spear,	"	23
8,	Benjamin E. Mitchell,	Brockton,	27
	Nellie F. DeCosta,	Randolph,	18
10,	Arthur Hagney,	Randolph,	35
	Mary E. Kiley,	Boston,	31
12,	Edward E. Piper,	Randolph,	23
	Lizzie L. French,	"	23
12,	Michael J. Melville,	Holbrook,	29
	Hannah Davis,	"	21
19,	Frank S. Bowman,	Randolph,	22
	Margaret Alden,	"	21
Feb. 16,	Thomas C. Welch,	Randolph,	23
	Elizabeth F. Patten,	"	20
16,	Edward F. Goldrich,	Cambridgeport,	29
	Rosa McMannament,	Randolph,	26
20,	James F. Long,	Randolph,	29
	Mary J. Hand,	"	22
20,	Eldon W. Drake,	Randolph,	27
	Mabel Taber,	"	21
March 1,	Willie C. Putnam,	Randolph,	20
	Effie E. Tibbetts,	"	18
17,	Henry C. Lunsman,	Canton,	23
	Etta J. Madan,	Stoughton,	19
April 2,	Willie H. Buker,	Stoughton,	21
	Martha J. Moody,	"	18
7,	Oscar K. Wilder,	Randolph,	38
	Grace A. Cartwright,	"	37
20,	George Lemuel Peirce,	Randolph,	26
	Flora Wells Howard,	"	21
24,	Charles S. Ludden,	Holbrook,	21
	Idella A. Faxon,	"	19
27,	Arthur W. French,	Brockton,	24
	Thankie B. Lewis,	"	21
28,	A. A. Winship,	Somerville,	20
	Susie G. Baker,	Randolph,	21
May 16,	William F. Wall,	Brockton,	25
	Bridget Fox,	Randolph,	25
29,	Henry L. Spear,	Randolph,	34
	Caroline A. Peirce,	"	27

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1887.			
May 29,	William J. Carroll, . . .	Randolph,	21
	Mary Josephine Haney, . . .	"	20
June 15,	William Heney,	Randolph,	33
	Margaret M. Devine,	"	22
27,	Cornelius Lehan,	Randolph,	26
	Bridget Roach Creehan, . . .	"	23
July 3,	Peter B. Hand,	Randolph,	44
	Margaret F. Rooney,	"	31
13,	Richard Joseph Cook,	Randolph,	21
	Harriet Cole,	"	22
20,	Samuel A. Dolliff,	Boston,	37
	Lois H. Linfield,	Randolph,	37
Sept. 1,	Edward F. Meaney,	Randolph,	28
	Susie M. Blythe,	"	26
4,	Patrick J. Cahill,	Randolph,	26
	Mary S. Hurley,	"	25
12,	William B. Leavitt,	Boston,	24
	Annie Roxborough,	"	21
29,	Lester W. Mann,	Randolph,	25
	Abby M. Dickey,	"	29
Oct. 6,	Robert T. McAuliffe,	Randolph,	26
	Maggie T. McGaughey,	"	26
27,	John E. Rudderham,	Braintree,	24
	Frances A. McLane,	Randolph,	17
Nov. 9,	Richard F. Keith,	Randolph,	23
	Susan A. Dench,	"	21
9,	Hiram W. Hayden,	Braintree,	27
	Mary A. French,	Randolph,	28
12,	Joseph W. Stetson,	Braintree,	20
	Adora M. Baker,	"	25
13,	James H. Meaney,	Randolph,	21
	Elizabeth J. McKay,	"	22
16,	Willard F. Dyer,	Braintree,	24
	Anne Mabel Hollis,	Randolph,	21
22,	Bartholomew O'Keefe,	Randolph,	28
	Hannah Ahearn,	"	22
24,	Thomas F. Kelly,	South Weymouth,	25
	Lizzie A. Harris,	Randolph,	24
24,	John E. Fealy,	Winchendon,	30
	Mary E. Brady,	Randolph,	29
Dec. 13,	Asa Palmer French,	Braintree,	27
	Elizabeth Ambrose Wales, . .	Randolph,	22
30,	Edward Allen,	Randolph,	21
	Delia O'Toole,	"	21
25,	Arthur L. Scott,	Randolph,	25
	Eunice E. Holbrook,	"	21

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER

31, 1887.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1887.					
Jan. 10,	Fanny A. Allen (Clark), . . .	71	8	13	Necrosis of Hip Joint.
16,	William F. Blanchard, . . .	66	2	17	Biliary Colic.
19,	Ira Thayer, . . .	85	2	17	Old Age.
24,	James F. Holbrook, . . .	51	9	9	Suffocation, house took fire.
31,	John E. Cahill, . . .	35	10	15	Convulsions.
Feb. 1,	Clarabelle Eddy, . . .	2	7	3	Pneumonia.
10,	Ada F. Stone, . . .	2		17	Croup.
19,	Joanna Dennehey (Sullivan), . . .	51	8		Cancer in Breast.
25,	Henrietta S. Jones (Huff), . . .	27	4	8	Childbirth.
March 3,	Abbie Foley (Daly), . . .	49	11	14	Consumption.
4,	John T. Foley, . . .	24	5	8	Phthisis.
3,	Henry O. Lyons, . . .	51	4	17	Nervous Prostration.
8,	John E. Glover, . . .	62	9	28	Softening of Brain.
9,	Mary Purcell (Farrell), . . .	71			Consumption.
12,	Lysander P. Holbrook, . . .	69	5	22	Softening of Brain.
13,	Fred P. Jones, . . .		10	22	Inflammation of Brain.
15,	Ellen Hoine, . . .				Chronic Rheumatism.
15,	James F. D. Lyons, . . .	53	6	15	Consumption.
28,	Dennis H. Sullivan, . . .	4	3	19	Scarlet Fever.
28,	Lewis F. Mann, . . .		5		Pneumonia.
April 3,	Thomas Ward, . . .	70	11		Cerebral Hemorrhage.
13,	Mary McMahon (Dunn), . . .	85	11		Old Age.
14,	Horatio B. Alden, . . .	67		6	Locomotor Acaxty.
22,	Lawrence Hayes, . . .	74	5		Accidental Shock.
May 1,	Thomas A. Curran, . . .	3	3		Scarlatina and Diptheria.
2,	James J. Barrett, . . .	28	10	11	Phthisis.
10,	Alvan Mann, . . .	80	5	4	Pneumonia.
12,	Henry A. Alden, . . .	73	6	2	Senile Gangrene.
19,	Mary Alice Mullins, . . .	3	9	13	Tubercular Meningitis.
26,	Louisa Arnold, . . .	52	5	10	Cerebral Abscess.
June 6,	Eli Hayden, . . .	65	6		Consumption.
7,	Martha M. Houghton (Dennett), . . .	68	10	4	Marasmus.
17,	Bernard Purcell, . . .	80	9		Heart Disease.
20,	Charles Alden, . . .	77	3	23	Suicide.
20,	Ephraim Mann, . . .	67	2	2	Cancer.
24,	Charlotte Bean (Good) (Stetson), . . .	77	10	22	Paralysis.
July 7,	Harriet Kimball, . . .	62	11	23	Apoplexy.
8,	Eliza A. May (Winnett), . . .	74	10	16	Acute Mania.
7,	William H. Ainslee, . . .	35	6	7	Consumption.
11,	Mabel F. Good, . . .	10	11	23	Erysipelas.
13,	Hosea B. Hayden, . . .	44	11	7	Consumption.
27,	Thomas Harris, . . .	55	2	4	Killed by Railroad Train.
Aug. 4,	Luther E. Denter, . . .	62	1	6	Softening of Brain.
8,	Edith A. Brazee, . . .		3	15	Marasmus.
10,	George T. Bradley, . . .			7	Cholera Infantum.
25,	Daniel Howard, . . .	64	2	14	Paralysis.
25,	Daniel Kelliher, . . .	66			Chronic Bronchitis.
Sept. 6,	Catherine J. Kennedy, . . .		6	2	Tubercular Meningitis.
22,	William F. McMahon, . . .		2	24	Marasmus.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 26,	Ethel May Jones,	1	10	9	Croup and Convulsions.
Oct. 4,	Leonard B. Paul,	64	8	21	Chronic Diarrhœa.
5,	Lewis W. Thompson,	30			Fistula in Ano.
7,	Edgar Howard,	44			Ulceration Laryngitis.
11,	Lawrence Jones,	72			Old age.
15,	Nellie Brady,			1	Stillborn.
19,	Michael McAuliffe,	61	4		Bronchitis.
Nov. 2,	Walter S. Inman,	30	10	8	Typhoid Fever.
5,	Mary Chessman,	75	9	5	Old Age, Shock.
9,	Cheever Cleveland Ross,		8	24	Cholera Infantum and Bronchitis.
12,	Elizabeth O'Neil (McCarthy),	80			Old Age.
14,	Lydia F. Whalen,	3	4	8	Scarlet Fever.
17,	Louis Burke,	3	8	28	Meningitis.
17,	Aaron A. Prescott,	72		18	Enlargement of Heart and Liver.
19,	Paul T. Clark,	72	5		Paralysis.
Dec. 29,	John T. Gorton,	49			Suicide.
2,	Harvey E. Knowles,	33	1	19	Consumption.
4,	Margaret Ward (Houghton),	70	6		Intestinal Obstruction.
8,	Elizabeth Wales (Howard),	73	8	26	Nervous Prostration.
8,	Mary E. McGerrigle (Gray),	31			Valvular Disease of Heart.
12,	William Cunningham,	59			Chronic Myelitis.
13,	Mary W. D. (Moulton), Wilkins.	80	2	28	Old Age.
18,	Mary Maguire (Burrell),	84			Erysipelas.
23,	Patrick McMahon	12	7		Inflammation Brain and Albumina.
28,	Charles J. Mahoney	5	2	28	Membranous Croup.
31,	Malinda Thayer (Alden),	84	9	22	Old Age.

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Necrosis of Hip Joint, Biliary Colic, Suffocation, Convulsions, Childbirth, Chronic Rheumatism, Cerebral Hemorrhage, Locomotor Acaxxy, Accidental, Scarlatina, Senile Gangrene, Cerebral Tumor, Heart Disease, Apoplexy, Acute Mania, Killed by Railroad, Chronic Bronchitis, Chronic Diarrhœa, Fistula in Ano, Ulceration Laryngitis, Stillborn, Bronchitis, Typhoid Fever, Meningitis, Enlargement of Heart and Liver, Intestinal Obstruction, Valvular Disease of Heart, Chronic Myelitis, — 1 each.

Cancer, Phthisis, Nervous Prostration, Inflammation of Brain, Scarlet Fever, Tubercular Meningitis, Suicide, Erysipelas, Cholera Infantum, — 2 each.

Pneumonia, Croup, Softening of Brain, Marasmus, Paralysis, — 3 each.

Old Age, Consumption, — 7 each.

The total number of deaths was 75

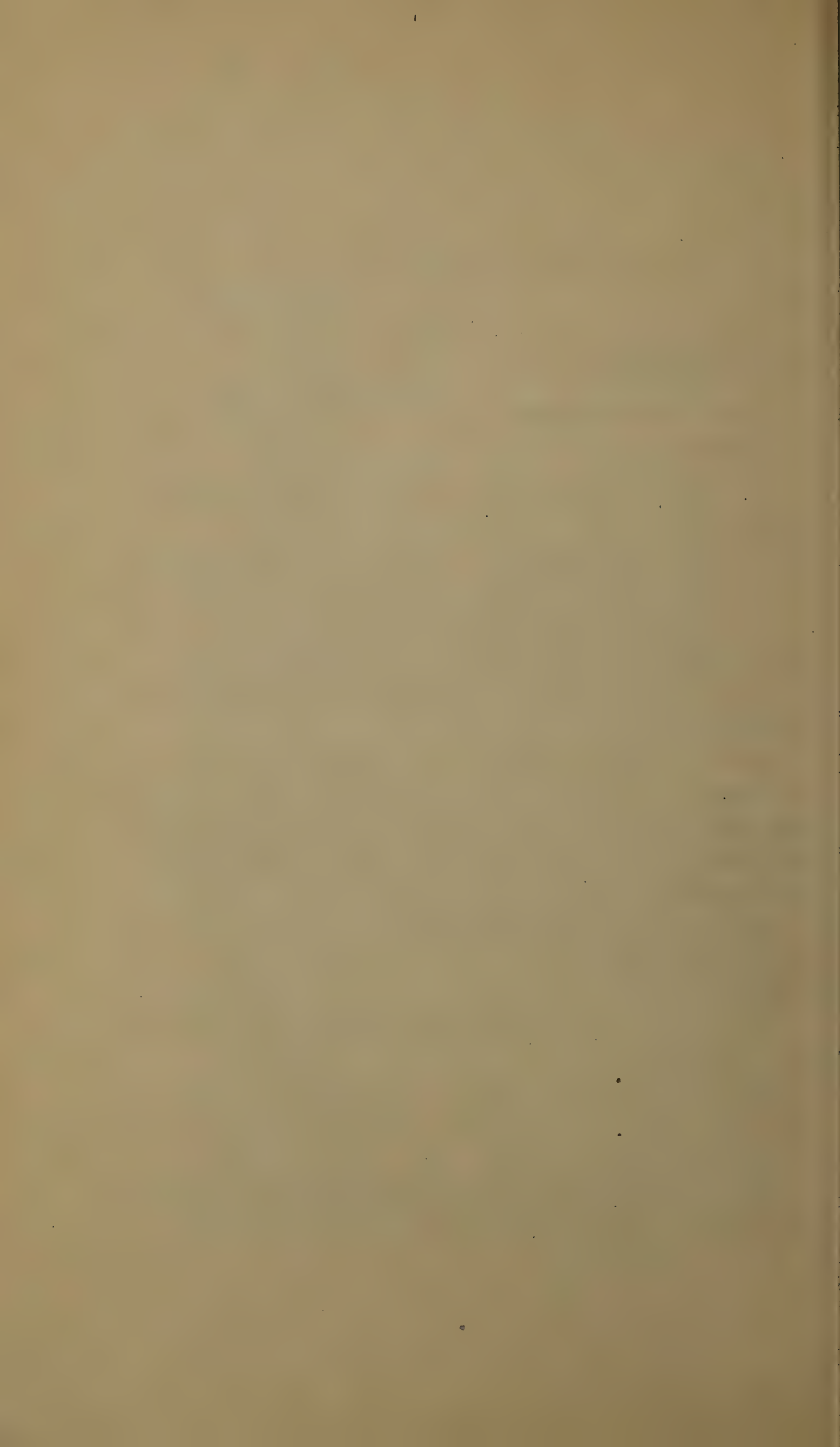
Under 5 years of age,	16
Between 5 and 15,	3
“ 15 and 30,	3
“ 30 and 40,	6
“ 40 and 50,	4
“ 50 and 60,	7
“ 60 and 70,	13
“ 70 and 80,	15
“ 80 and 90,	8
	75

Average length of lives, 46 years.

Any person noticing any error in the publication of the names of those born, married, and died, will please report to the town clerk, and have the same corrected.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,

Town Clerk.



TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said
County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday the second day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also, two trustees for "Stetson School Fund," one for two years and one for three years ; also one water commissioner for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of highways and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of engine-men, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen and posted according to law.

ART. 10. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post No. 110, G.A.R.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take to erect and maintain "guide posts," as required under Chap. 53 of the Public Statutes, and to place the names of the streets thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to locate anew Liberty street, and what sum of money it will appropriate therefor, as petitioned for by James Dowd and others.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the location of the extension of Allen street, as laid out by the selectmen, and raise and appropriate money to build the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chap. 382 of the Acts of 1871 in relation to betterments.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take relative to purchasing the Mathew Clark estate adjoining the Town House lot.

ART. 17. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of interest on the "Randolph Water Loan" issued under authority of Sect. 5, Chap. 217, of the Acts of the year 1885, and by vote of the town, September 15, 1886.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will raise and contribute to the sinking fund, as required under Sect. 8, Chap. 217, of the Acts of 1885, to meet the payment of the "Randolph Water Loan" when due.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for water, for hydrants, street service, public buildings, and drinking fountains.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept the act entitled "An act to authorize the town of Randolph to make an additional water loan" (approved March 16, 1888).

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in reference to the extension of its present system of water works, and in reference to matters appertaining thereto, under the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed in the year 1885, and what appropriations the town will make for defraying the expense of such extension.

ART. 23. To see what action the town will take in reference to the issue from time to time of bonds, notes, or scrip to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law, for the purpose of raising money to pay the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred in extending its system of water works in accordance with the provisions and for the purposes mentioned in Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1885, and in manner and form designated in said Act, and as authorized under Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1888.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in relation to establishing a sinking fund, or otherwise for the payment of its water bonds as required in Chapter 217 of the said Acts of 1885, and authorized under Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1888; also what action it will take in reference to the payment of interest on said bonds.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in relation to the introduction of a system of drainage and sewerage.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars for fine gravel or concrete sidewalks, with stone curbing, also for stone street crossings, when the abutters or other parties will pay one-half the expense of making the same.

ART. 27. To see if the town will permit the use of land adjoining St. Mary's Cemetery, North street, belonging to John J. Williams, of Boston, trustee, for the purpose of burial.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to release and convey all its right in the old Pound lot on South street.

ART. 29. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be the agents and attorneys for the town to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise for the ensuing year.

ART. 30. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 31. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per

annum on all the taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1888.

ART. 32. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of laborers employed by the town.

ART. 33. To hear and act on the report of any committee, and to chose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are desired to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the time and hour of said meeting.

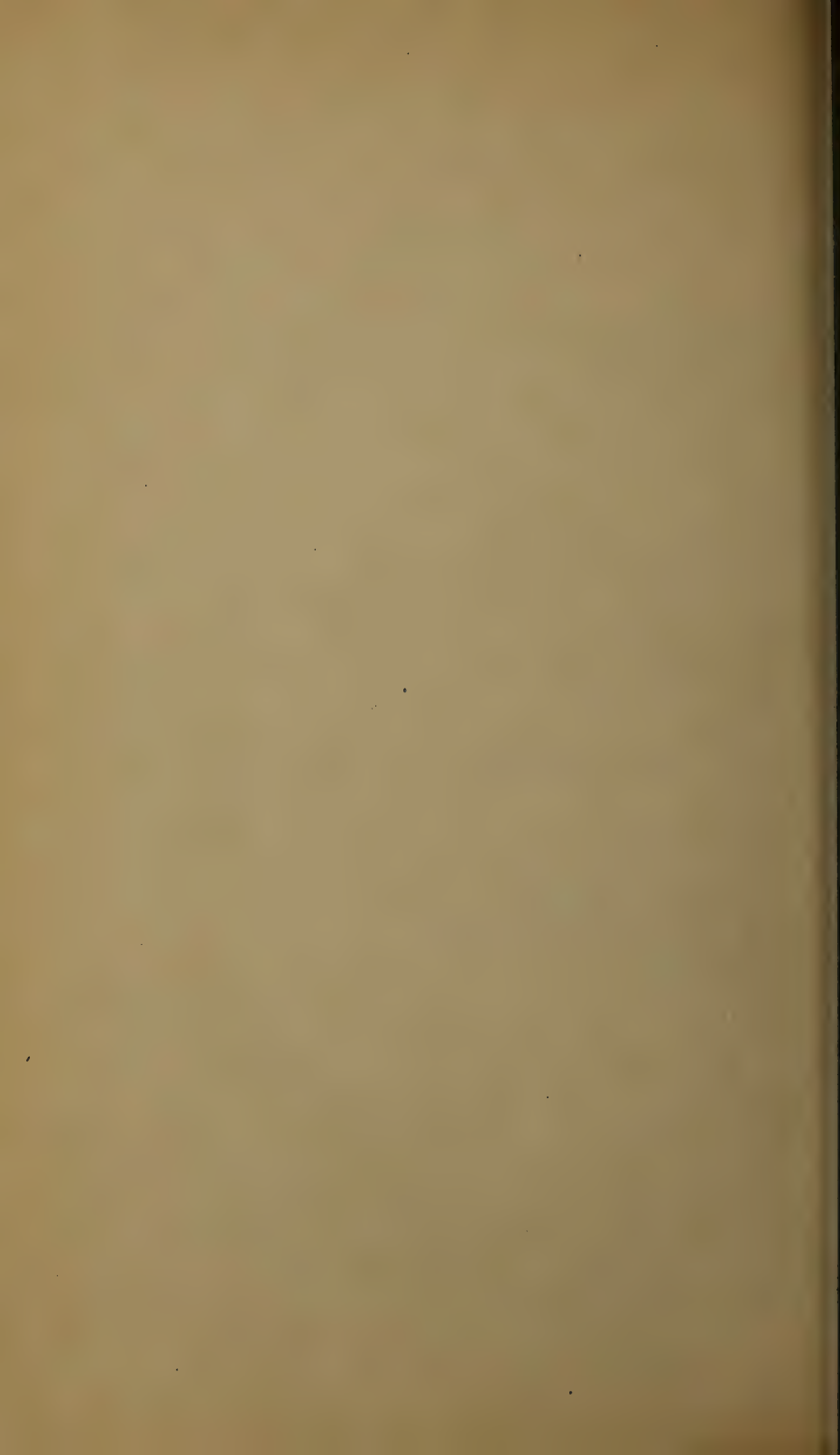
Given under our hands at Randolph this twentieth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
PETER B. HAND,

Selectmen of Randolph.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1888-9.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

PETER B. HAND.

JOHN B. THAYER.

MICHAEL J. DALY.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JOHN B. WREN	Term Expires 1890.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " 1891.
THOMAS DOLAN	" " 1889.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

JOHN B. WREN	Term expires 1889.
WILLIAM F. BARRETT	" " 1890.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " 1891.

Water Commissioners.

J. WHITE BELCHER	Term expires 1889.
PETER B. HAND	" " 1891.
CORNELIUS McMAHON	" " 1890.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,

WILLIAM J. LONG.

CHARLES F. McMAHON.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL,	GEORGE A. POOLE,
FRANK J. DONAHOE,	MICHAEL STANTON,
JOHN P. ROONEY,	LINCOLN STETSON,

E. FORREST KNIGHT.

Tax Collector.

THOMAS DOLAN.

Fence Viewers.

DANIEL LAHEY.

LEVI WILBUR.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.

GEORGE H. WILKINS.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

JAMES FARDY.

Engineers of Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*.

WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.

JOHN HANEY.

DANIEL J. BRENNAN.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

GEORGE R. WEAVER.

Keeper of Lockup.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

RUFUS A. THAYER.

Of Randolph.

ROBERT S. GRAY.

Of Walpole.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Randolph herewith present to the citizens of the town their annual report of the expenditures in the several departments, for the financial year ending March 1, 1889.

APPROPRIATIONS.

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools	\$ 8,000 00
Stetson High School	1,450 00
repairs of highways	3,000 00
general town expenses	11,600 00
fire department	1,800 00
decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
medical attendance on the poor	350 00
guide posts	150 00
interest on Randolph water loan	4,000 00
contribution to sinking fund	3,075 00
interest on additional water loan	800 00
contribution to sinking fund, additional loan	500 00
water service	2,500 00
sidewalks, street crossings, &c.	500 00
service water pipes, &c., for school buildings	200 00
County tax	1,499 58
State tax	2,925 00
Total	<hr/> \$42,449 58

TAXABLE VALUATION MAY 1, 1888.

Real estate	\$1,492,750 00
Personal estate	517,420 00

Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the State	217,500 00
Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed by the State	269,400 00
Total valuation	<u>\$2,497,070 00</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1888, \$16.00 on \$1,000.

Population, Census of 1885	3,885
Number of polls May 1, 1888	1,176
horses May 1, 1888	348
cows May 1, 1888	204
acres of land taxed May 1, 1888	5,722
dwellings taxed May 1, 1888	802

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1889.

Alms-house property and farm	\$12,000 00
Town house and land	18,000 00
Three fire-engine houses and lock-up	4,200 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus	1,000 00
One hearse	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh	500 00
Twenty acres land, Upham lot	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6	1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land	15,000 00
Eight shares Randolph National Bank stock	1,440 00

Stetson school fund, par value	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value	1,000 00
Turner Free Library, building and land . .	40,000 00
Turner Free Library Fund	5,000 00
Turner Fund	10,000 00
Turner Free Library	5,000 00
Water works	112,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$37,206.63.

On account of schools	\$9,129 77
Stetson High School	1,450 00
highways	3,652 90
removing snow	84 09
paving	300 92
town officers	2,004 55
State aid	1,628 00
military aid	1,290 00
decoration of soldiers' graves . . .	100 00
abatment of taxes	376 20
funeral expenses	287 00
fire department	2,049 48
miscellaneous expenses	2,066 16
poor in almshouse	2,680 12
poor out of almshouse	4,231 99
poor of Randolph and Holbrook . .	1,783 88
poor of other towns	799 38
State paupers and tramps	244 83
water hydrant service	2,500 00
sidewalks, crossings, &c.	404 30
guide posts	142 06

\$37,206 63

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
For schools	\$8,000 00	\$9,129 77
Service water pipe for school buildings	200 00	
Income from other sources	858 73	
Stetson High School	1,450 00	1,450 00
For poor out of almshouse	3,600 00	4,231 99
State paupers and tramps		244 83
poor in almshouse	2,000 00	2,680 12
poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook	800 00	1,783 88
poor of other towns		799 38
repairs of highways	1,500 00	1,639 19
special repairs of highways	1,000 00	2,013 71
removing snow	200 00	84 09
paving	300 00	300 92
town officers	2,000 00	2,004 55
miscellaneous expenses	1,800 00	2,066 16
fire department	1,800 00	2,049 48
State aid		1,628 00
military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ from State	800 00	645 00
abatement of taxes		376 20
decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00	100 00
water hydrant service	2,500 00	2,500 00
sidewalks and crossings	500 00	404 30
guide posts	150 00	142 06
sinking fund water loan	3,075 00	3,075 00
sinking fund, additional loan	500 00	500 00
interest water loan	4,000 00	*2,000 00
interest on additional loan	800 00	†80 00

*\$2,000 due April 1, 1889.

†\$80 due May 1, 1889.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1. — WILLIAM WHITE, SURVEYOR.

Paid William White and team, 14 days	.	.	.	\$ 49 00
James Devine and team, 1 day	.	.	.	3 50
William Devine and team, 1 day	.	.	.	3 50
James Riley, scraping	.	.	.	29 38
Edward Devine and team $1\frac{3}{4}$ days	.	.	.	6 12
Michael Devine and team, 2 days	.	.	.	7 00
William White, labor, 4 days	.	.	.	8 00
James Blythe, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	15 00
John Desmond, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	7 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, 7 days	.	.	.	14 00
Patrick Welch, labor, 2 days	.	.	.	4 00
Cornelius Ahearn, labor, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days	.	.	.	8 50
Bearnard O'Flaherty, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	.	.	.	7 00
Patrick Crosby, labor, 2 days	.	.	.	4 00
Joseph Crosby, labor, 1 day	.	.	.	2 00
Eugene Kinsley, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	.	.	.	50
Ephraim Wales, labor	.	.	.	50
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days	.	.	.	3 50
John V. Beal, 50 loads of gravel	.	.	.	5 00
Rogers, 50 loads of gravel	.	.	.	5 00
Stone for bridge	.	.	.	50
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				\$183 00

DISTRICT NO. 3. — JAMES RILEY, SURVEYOR.

Paid James Riley, and team $7\frac{9}{20}$ days	.	.	.	\$ 29 81
Charles Mann and team, 2 days	.	.	.	7 50
Josiah Clark, use of two horses, 1 day	.	.	.	3 50
James Riley, use of horse, $1\frac{1}{20}$ days	.	.	.	2 10
Charles Mann, use of horse, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	.	.	.	88
James Riley, labor, $7\frac{3}{10}$ days	.	.	.	14 85

Paid Charles Mann, labor, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days	6 50
John A. Mann, labor, $5\frac{1}{20}$ days	10 10
Charles Bump, labor, $3\frac{8}{10}$ days	7 60
Emory Lyons, labor, $2\frac{8}{10}$ days	5 60
Newton Clark, labor, $2\frac{8}{10}$ days	5 60
Thomas Riley, labor, $2\frac{8}{10}$ days	5 60
Phillip Riley, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days	5 00
Ansel Mann, labor, 2 days	4 00
Maurice Scanlon, labor, 2 days	4 00
William Simmons, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days	3 00
George Binney, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00
Andrew Nightingale, labor, $3\frac{19}{20}$ days	7 90
John Johnson, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00
Thomas Johnson, labor, $4\frac{7}{20}$ days	8 70
Elisha Mann, labor, $2\frac{6}{10}$ days	2 60
Joseph Riley, labor, 1 day	1 00
Ralph Mann, labor, $1\frac{5}{10}$ days	1 50
Newton Clark, labor,	57
James Riley, scraping,	33 51
For use of scraper	50
James Riley, 8 loads of gravel	56
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	\$174 48

DISTRICT NO. 5. — FRANCIS E. STETSON, SURVEYOR.

Paid Francis E. Stetson and team, $10\frac{27}{40}$ days	\$ 33 13
Lincoln Stetson and team, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	13 12
Lewis K. Stetson and team, 1 day	5 50
Abel C. Stetson, labor, 1 day	1 00
Clarence Stetson, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	62
Albert W. Stetson, labor, $\frac{7}{8}$ day	1 75
John Ryan, labor, $5\frac{7}{40}$ days	10 35
Lincoln Holbrook, labor, $2\frac{3}{10}$ days	4 60
Martin L. Eddy, labor, 2 days	4 00

Paid Everett Poole, labor, 2 days	4 00
John Devine, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days	9 00
Francis E. Stetson, labor, 6 days	12 00
Morton Holbrook, labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days	11 00
Alvah Nightingale, labor, 2 days	4 00
James Chick, labor, $2\frac{4}{10}$ days	4 80
John Roden, labor, 1 day	2 00
Use of scraper	75
Martin L. Eddy, 15 loads of gravel	1 20
Mrs. Amasa Clark, 55 loads of gravel	4 40
James Gogan, 47 loads of gravel	4 70
Francis E. Stetson, 3 loads of gravel	30
M. M. Alden, box	2 00
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	\$134 22

DISTRICT NO. 6. — JAMES KEENAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid James Keenan and team, $18\frac{2}{10}$ days	\$ 63 70
Michael Devine and team 1 day	3 50
Thomas Devine and team, 1 day	3 50
Richard Irving and team, 1 day	3 50
John Meaney and team, 1 day	3 50
Edward Devine and team, 1 day	3 50
James Keenan, labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days	25 00
James Blythe, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days	13 00
Patrick Mahoney, labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days	9 00
Patrick Crosby, labor, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days	3 50
Michael Ford, labor, $10\frac{3}{4}$ days	21 50
William Dore, labor, 1 day	2 00
John Sheean, labor, 1 day	2 00
John Desmond, labor, 3 days	6 00
William C. Barry, labor, 2 days	4 00
James Barry, labor, 1 day	2 00
Joseph Crosby, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00

Paid John Kiley, labor, 1 day	2 00
Hugh Cox, labor, 1 day	2 00
John Meaney, labor, 1 day	2 00
Charles Lawless, labor, 1 day	2 00
Estate of H. B. Alden, 85 loads of gravel	4 25
John Meany, 10 loads of gravel	50
John Hoyer, 79 loads of gravel	3 95
Michael Ford, 40 loads of gravel	2 00
James Riley, scraping	23 50
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	\$212 40
Credit by Loam Sold	2 00
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	\$210 40

DISTRICT NO. 7. — THOMAS GOOD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Thomas Good and team, $22\frac{7}{10}$ days	\$ 85 11
Martin F. Smith and team, 8 days	30 00
Thomas Good, labor, $7\frac{1}{10}$ days	15 40
Patrick Brady, labor, $15\frac{11}{20}$ days	31 10
Michael Good, labor, $4\frac{2}{10}$ days	8 40
Cornelius Good, labor, $5\frac{1}{4}$ days	10 50
Timothy Sullivan, labor, $17\frac{1}{14}$ days	34 50
James Lyons, labor, 7 days	14 00
Thomas Donahoe, labor, $15\frac{3}{20}$ days	31 30
Michael Crowley, labor, 2 days	4 00
Patrick Bohan, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00
Dennis Good, labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day	75
Edward Donahoe, labor, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days	1 75
Charles Brady, labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day	75
Walter Burke, labor, 1 day	1 00
Frank Welch, labor, 1 day	1 00
John Gill, labor, 1 day	2 00

Paid John Harris, labor, 6 days	12 00
Daniel Elliott $\frac{3}{20}$ day	30
Royal W. Turner, 104 loads of gravel	7 28
Samuel Hamilton, 84 loads of gravel	5 88
Thomas F. Lynch estate, 207 loads of gravel	14 49
Daniel Elliott, 149 loads of gravel.	10 43
For scraping,	18 80
Wales French, for 6 loads of gravel	42
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	\$342 16

DISTRICT NO. 8. — THOMAS MORAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid Thomas Moran and team, $26\frac{6}{10}$ days	\$100 16
Joseph McAuliff and team, $2\frac{5}{10}$ days	9 37
Robert McAuliff and team, $8\frac{1}{10}$ days	28 94
John Carroll and team, 5 days	18 75
Thomas Moran, labor, $3\frac{8}{10}$ days	7 60
Patrick Welch, labor, $10\frac{2}{10}$ days	20 40
Cornelius Ahearn, labor, $9\frac{1}{10}$ days	18 20
David Ahearn, labor, $3\frac{2}{10}$ days,	6 40
Patrick McMahan, labor, $11\frac{7}{10}$ days	23 40
James Blythe, labor, $9\frac{7}{10}$ days	19 40
Robert McAuliff, labor, 8 days	16 00
Timothy Kiley, labor, 3 days	6 00
John Shields, labor, $16\frac{8}{10}$ days	33 60
Peter McCouerty, labor, $5\frac{3}{10}$ days	10 60
Robert McAuliff, labor, $2\frac{4}{10}$ days	4 80
Matthew Moran, labor, $5\frac{4}{10}$ days	10 80
James Carroll, labor, 2 days	4 00
Patrick Crosby, labor, 4 days	8 00
Patrick Sullivan, labor, 1 day	2 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor, $2\frac{4}{10}$ days	4 80
James Gogan, 317 loads of gravel	31 70

Paid Thomas Moran, 18 loads of gravel . . .	1 26
For scraping	35 25
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	421 43
Credit by Loam sold	3 25
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	\$418 18

DISTRICT NO. 10. — PATRICK CLARK, SURVEYOR.

Paid James Riley and team $4\frac{1}{2}$ days	\$ 16 75
Josiah Clark and team, 3 days $3\frac{1}{3}$ hours.	12 50
Patrick Clark, labor, $13\frac{1}{10}$ days	26 20
John E. Clark, labor, 5 days	10 00
James B. Clark, labor, $10\frac{1}{10}$ days.	20 20
Edward Riley, labor, 4 days	8 00
Frank Riley, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days	3 00
John Welch, labor, $\frac{7}{10}$ day	1 40
Aaron Daniels, labor, 2 days	4 00
Thomas Johnson, labor, $8\frac{6}{10}$ days	17 20
Morton Holbrook, labor, 3 days	6 00
Patrick F. Clark, labor, 1 day	1 00
Charles Clark, labor, 1 day	1 00
James Riley, scraping	25 25
Patrick Clark, labor and material	1 75
Daniel Kiley, 4 loads of gravel	40
Josiah Clark, labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day	1 50
Patrick Clark, 156 loads of gravel	15 60
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	\$171 75

HIGHWAYS, SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Paid Thomas Moran and team, labor, $18\frac{6}{10}$ days . . .	\$ 69 00
James Keenan and team, labor, 6 days	21 00
Thomas Good and team, labor, $14\frac{1}{2}$ days	53 98

Paid James Riley and team, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{10}$ days	32 43
James Riley, scraping	23 28
William Mahady and team, labor, $14\frac{2}{10}$ days	53 25
Martin F. Smith and team, labor, $9\frac{8}{10}$ days	36 74
James Riley, use of horse, 11 days	19 51
James Riley and double team, labor, 1 day	5 50
James Riley and others	19 86
John Carroll and team, labor, $5\frac{4}{10}$ days	23 65
John Carroll, drawing stone	2 00
For use of town team, $23\frac{3}{10}$ days	73 37
Robert McAuliff and team, labor, $15\frac{1}{2}$ days	58 11
Josiah Clark and team, labor, $6\frac{4}{10}$ days	24 23
William White and team, labor, 1 day	3 50
F. E. Stetson and team, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	12 87
Daniel Kiley, carting	50
A. J. Gove, carting	35
C. H. Mann and team, 2 days	7 50
Richard Blanche, labor, 1 day	2 00
Patrick Bohan, labor, $52\frac{3}{4}$ days	105 50
Thomas Duff, labor, $25\frac{1}{2}$ days	51 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor, 10 days	20 00
Thomas Donahoe, labor, $20\frac{1}{4}$ days	40 50
Timothy Sullivan, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	7 00
Thomas Patten, labor, $7\frac{3}{4}$ days	15 50
James Blythe, labor, 1 day	2 00
Bearnard O'Flaherty, labor, $\frac{3}{4}$ day	1 50
John Lyons, labor, 4 days	8 00
James Keenan, labor, $16\frac{3}{4}$ days	33 50
James Barry, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00
Patrick Welch, labor, $3\frac{1}{10}$ days	6 20
Matthew Graham, labor, $60\frac{1}{10}$ days	120 20
Cornelius Ahearn, labor, $26\frac{3}{5}$ days	53 20
David Ahearn, labor, $43\frac{9}{20}$ days	86 90
John O'Keefe, labor, $11\frac{9}{20}$ days	3 90

Paid Thomas Whalen, labor, $7\frac{3}{10}$ days	14 30
F. E. Stetson, labor, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days	15 00
H. Pritchard, labor, $2\frac{1}{10}$ days	4 20
T. Good, labor, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days	9 55
John Crosby, labor, 2 days	4 00
Michael Good, labor, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days	5 50
James O'Riley, labor, $8\frac{2}{10}$ days	16 40
James Riley, labor, $11\frac{3}{10}$ days	23 30
John Rienstien, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days	3 00
Thomas Johnson, labor, $9\frac{3}{20}$ days	18 30
John Johnson, labor, $4\frac{9}{10}$ days	9 80
Ansel Mann, labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days	7 50
Weston Mann, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days	3 30
Charles Bump, labor, $4\frac{3}{20}$ days	8 30
Charles Mann, labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days	7 30
Thomas Riley, $\frac{3}{20}$ day	30
George F. French, labor, $2\frac{6}{10}$ days	5 20
Souana Jones, labor, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days	3 50
Patrick Brady, labor, 5 days	10 00
James Lyons, labor, $5\frac{1}{4}$ days	10 50
Patrick McMahon, labor, 3 days	6 00
Daniel Kiley, labor, $6\frac{5}{8}$ days	13 25
Michael Ford, labor, 2 days	4 00
Francis Cullen, labor, $9\frac{2}{10}$ days	18 40
John Shields, labor, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days	19 00
John B. McGrane, labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days	13 30
Patrick Crosby, labor, $1\frac{2}{10}$ days	2 40
Michael Lagin, labor, $16\frac{2}{5}$ days	33 20
Patrick Clark, labor, $2\frac{4}{10}$ days	4 80
Charles Lawless, labor, 1 day	2 00
H. Gore & Co., paving	58 08
Charles A. Payne, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days	1 50
George W. Pierce, labor,	43 05
John Sheehan, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days	17 00

Paid John Desmond, labor, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days	17 00
William C. Barry, labor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days	25 00
Joseph Crosby, labor, $1\frac{1}{2}$	1 00
Michael Crowley, labor, 2 days	4 00
Gataneo Baergaloupe, labor, $\frac{3}{10}$ day	60
J. Carroll, labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days	6 40
Mathew Moran, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00
William Mahady, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	1 00
Andrew Nightingale, labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days	3 60
Joseph Mahar, labor, $\frac{3}{8}$ day	75
James Fardy, labor and material	2 45
Maurice Scanlon, labor	25
Frank H. Langly, labor and material	12 14
Martin L. Eddy, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days	5 00
H. B. Libby, labor and material	11 71
Daniel Leahy, posts	2 75
Samuel Hamilton, 34 loads gravel	2 38
Lynch Estate, gravel	16 91
Seth Mann, 2nd gravel,	13 30
J. Carroll, gravel	1 72
M. F. Smith, paving stone	1 00
H. M. White, powder and lanterns	1 00
Mrs. Riley, sand	20
C. A. Wales, gravel	3 22
James Keenan, gravel	2 00
Dennis Sullivan, gravel	17 71
S. B. Woodman, labor and use of derrick	121 00
Hannah Belcher, gravel	17 60
Amasa Niles, gravel	42
Charles Prescott, gravel	1 12
Josiah Clark, gravel	2 22
W. F. Martin, stone	2 50
Kerosene and lighting lanterns	2 60
J. V. Beal gravel	2 71

Paid Clara Alden, gravel	60
M. Ford, gravel	15
James Keenan, post	20
For bridge stone	1 50
M. Graham, use of tools	60
H. L. Mudgett & Co., lanterns	1 50
T. J. Mackedon, kerosene and lighting lanterns	5 00
For use of scraper	25
F. E. Stetson, gravel	2 60
Thomas Moran, gravel.	5 67
Joshua Hunt, gravel	5 27
E. Taber	77
J. Champion	2 45
S. B. Corliss, covering stone	107 30
Geo. D. Goodrich, drain pipe	58 06
John Desmond, gravel	1 50
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	\$2013 15
Credit for drain pipe sold,	8 60
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	\$2004 55

PAVING.

Paid Matthew Graham, labor, 15 days	\$33 75
Patrick Bohan, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days	27 00
William C. Barry, labor, $14\frac{1}{2}$ days	29 00
David Ahearn, labor, $13\frac{1}{2}\frac{5}{0}$ days	27 50
Patrick Brady, labor, 1 day	2 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, 1 day	2 00
Michael Gogan, labor, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days	2 50
James Lyons, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days	5 00
Martin F. Smith, labor, 7 days	14 00
William Mahady and team, 5 days	18 75
Martin F. Smith, use of horse, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days	14 87
Geo. B. Dench and team, 3 days	11 25

Martin F. Smith, paving stone	\$4 00
Lynch estate, gravel	2 10
C. A. Wales, gravel	2 10
Lynch estate, paving stone	1 00
French, paving stone	90
James Fardy, repairing	55
H. Gore & Co., paver and rammer 15 days .	101 25
Car fares	1 40
Total,	<hr/> \$300 92

GUIDE POSTS AND STREET SIGNS.

Paid M. D. Jones & Co., 31 iron signs	\$62 00
Patrick McMahon, labor, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days	5 50
Michael Lagin, labor, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days	7 50
John B. McGrane, labor, 1 day	2 00
Daniel McGerigle, labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days	5 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting signs and posts	5 80
Ephraim Wales, 13 posts	3 90
Wheeler Reflector Co., 25 posts	43 75
Burdett & Williams, screws	2 61
Old Colony R. R. Co., freight	2 00
John B. Thayer, cash paid	1 00
Daniel Leahy, carting	1 00
Total,	<hr/> \$142 06

STREET CROSSINGS AND SIDEWALKS.

Paid Randolph Business and Improvement Society .	\$300 00
Patrick Bohan, labor, 1 day	2 00
Patrick Brady, labor, 1 day	2 00
S. B. Corliss, edge stone	35 00
S. B. Corliss, setting stone	19 95

Paid David Wilson, concreting	\$13 61
James Riley, removing tree	13 13
Chandler Cox, lighting lantern	10 00
Painting fountains	1 00
E. H. Tarbell, street lantern	5 50
Charles Prescott, oil and chimneys	3 11
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	\$404 30

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Thomas Moran and others	\$25 52
James Keenan and others	9 15
William White and others	18 55
Geo. W. Burrell and others	8 40
Martin L. Eddy and others	6 50
William Mahady and others	4 45
Thomas Good	3 72
James Riley	7 80
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	\$84 09

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Paid Peter B. Hand	\$400 00
John B. Thayer	300 00
Michael J. Daly	300 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid John B. Wren	\$125 00
Thaddeus T. Cushman	100 00
Thomas Dolan	100 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John T. Flood	\$50 00
James Fardy	50 00
George H. Wilkins	50 00
Hiram C. Alden	75 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

Paid Thomas Dolan, taxes of 1887	\$164 55
Thomas Dolan, taxes of 1888	200 00
Engineers of Fire Department services May 1, 1888	75 00
Town auditors for the year ending March 1, 1888	15 00
Total,	<u>\$2,004 55</u>

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110, G. A. R.	\$100 00
Total,	<u>\$100 00</u>

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account State) . . .	\$1,628 00
Total,	<u>\$1,628 00</u>

MILITARY AID (CHAPTER 30, SECTION 10.)

Paid sundry persons (as per account of State) . .	\$1,290 00
One-half paid by the State	\$645 00
Paid by Holbrook	148 33
Paid by Randolph	496 67
Total,	<u>\$1,290 00</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Thomas Dolan for the year 1887 . .	\$376 20
Total,	<u>\$376 20</u>

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton attending 82 funerals . .	\$287 00
Total,	<u>\$287 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see Engineers Report)	\$2,049 48
Total,	<u>\$2,049 48</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Thomas Farrell, police duty and constable service	\$113 50
C. F. Parker, surveying	35 40
Wales Bros., repairing pumps, etc.	12 50
E. Forrest Knight, police duty	124 25
E. A. Perry, labor and material	1 00
J. White Belcher, insurance	251 50
Howard House, supplies	60 00
D. H. Huxford, printing town reports, warrants, voting lists, poll tax lists, notices, bill-heads, &c.	433 52
Colin Boyd, supplies and care of Selectmen's office	69 15
William Mahady, team and labor	9 37
Henry C. Sheppard, stationery	1 10
Rockwell & Churchill, license blanks	5 50

Paid Seth Mann, 2d, insurance	\$65 25
Daly Bros., labor and material	39 78
John T. Flood, services as moderator	20 00
N. H. Tirrell, labor and material	26 17
Patrick Bohan, labor	5 00
Cornelius Ahearn, labor	6 00
David Ahearn, labor	5 60
Town team, labor	4 90
Dennis Sullivan, labor, 2½ days	5 00
J. Aug. Shadswell, book	4 00
R. H. White & Co., mdse.	12 00
John & James Dobson, mdse.	21 88
F. A. Belcher, supplies Selectmen's room	7 50
Frank J. Donahoe, police and constable service	29 75
George A. Pool, police service	21 25
John P. Rooney, police service	21 25
Lincoln Stetson, police service	21 25
Eugene Campana, labor and material	5 26
M. R. Warren, books	2 25
Albert W. Stetson, labor	5 20
George Goodhue, material and plumbing	13 99
Fred. A. Spear, printing notices	9 50
Town of Stoughton tax, Upham lot	7 02
Charles H. Belcher, supplies	33 93
Michael Stanton, police duty	156 25
Peter B. Hand, cash paid	38 30
H. M. White, supplies Selectmen's office	2 58
John Lyons, labor	1 00
George B. Dench, labor	11 50
Charles Prescott, lanterns	1 70
Ephraim Wales, wood Selectmen's office	13 00
F. E. Stetson, damage to carriage	8 00
Josiah T. King, special service	12 50
Royal W. Turner, insurance	45 00

Paid Asa P. French, professional service . .	\$ 8 00
W. H. H. Cowles, damage to carriage . .	9 85
Robert McAuliff, damage to carriage . .	10 00
Michael J. Daly, cash paid	6 00
John B. Thayer, cash paid	9 60
Edwin Mann, wood, office	16 00
James Fardy, labor and material	2 75
A. J. Gove, sundry bills	68 67
G. W. Wales, postage, &c. . . .	7 29
C. A. Wales, labor and material	64 65
Peter B. Hand, services as Board of Health .	20 00
John B. Thayer, services as Board of Health	20 00
Michael J. Daly, services as Board of Health	20 00
James Murphy, professional services . .	3 00
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	\$2,066 16

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1889. —

The Almshouse and inmates remained under the superintendence of Calvin Sanford and wife until January 1, 1889. The decease of Mr. Sanford necessitated engaging the services of a superintendent and matron, and George R. Weaver and wife were engaged to fill the unexpired term for which Calvin Sanford and wife had been engaged. Mr. Weaver and wife were highly recommended for the position, as persons of special fitness, proved by years of experience in the management of similar institutions; and they have been appointed superintendent and matron of the almshouse for one year, ending March 1, 1890, at a salary of four hundred and seventy five dollars.

The almshouse has been shingled during the year, at an expense for labor of eighty-two dollars and ninety-three cents, which with other necessary expenses has increased the net expense of maintaining the almshouse the past year. An institution of this kind requires a sufficient supply of water for domestic purposes and protection against fire, and the Overseers of the Poor recommend that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated by the town for the above-named purpose.

The expense of poor out of almshouse has been in excess of the previous year, due to the depression in business and the greater amount of aid required by aged persons. Persons receiving aid on account of military services have availed themselves of the provisions of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1888, which has caused an increase in this class of aid.

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN ALMSHOUSE DURING
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

David McKay	.	.	.	.	52 weeks.
Lewis Linfield	.	.	.	.	52 "
Edmund Eddy	.	.	.	.	52 "
William Doyle	.	.	.	.	52 "
Ann Holbrook	.	.	.	.	52 "
Catherine Heney	.	.	.	.	52 "
§ Frances McMath	.	.	.	.	51 "
§ Polly Eddy	.	.	.	.	22 "
Maggie Morrissey	.	.	.	.	52 "
Teresa Long	.	.	.	.	52 "
Mary Maxwell	.	.	.	.	52 "
Ellen Buckley	.	.	.	.	52 "
* William Tilson	.	.	.	.	52 "
† Henry D. Holbrook	.	.	.	.	52 "
Bridget Long	.	.	.	.	40 "
Lucy Long	.	.	.	.	31 "
‡ James Conley	.	.	.	.	25 "
Rufus I. Jones	.	.	.	.	47 "
George A. Cook	.	.	.	.	8 "
Joseph Fritz	.	.	.	.	23 "
William Morrissey, Jr.	.	.	.	.	52 "

EXPENSES FOR ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid F. H. Langley, labor and material	.	.	\$ 10 65
Calvin Sanford, on account of salary	.	.	125 00
Julia Sanford, balance of salary to Jan. 1, 1889	.	.	291 67
Calvin Sanford, supplies	.	.	58 83
J. White Belcher, use of pasture	.	.	16 00

* Refunded \$36 00. † Refunded \$40 00. ‡ Refunded \$10 05. § Deceased.

Paid F. A. Belcher, supplies	\$116 62
Francis Smith, for hens	8 00
D. B. White, for coal	192 00
S. Austin Thayer, supplies	198 33
Charles Prescott & Co., supplies	496 75
George W. Burrell, 4 cords of manure	28 00
John F. Carey, supplies	35 29
Matthew Graham, labor	16 87
Franklin Porter, supplies	17 62
M. Norton Hunt, supplies	3 50
David W. Tucker, for pasture	6 00
Sidney French, supplies	25 50
Charles H. Prescott & Co., supplies	133 90
James Fardy, labor and material	56 60
John F. Fowkes, supplies	3 25
Charles F. Maynard, supplies	10 60
A. L. Chase, medical attendance and truss	25 00
R. B. Wendell, supplies	2 50
H. B. Libby, shingling almshouse	82 93
Ingalls & Kendrick, repairs and examination	4 50
C. J. Berry, asbestos roofing	8 00
S. B. Woodman, material	3 25
John Meaney, 2 shoats	10 00
Josiah T. King, labor	1 00
Cobb, Bates & Co., supplies	93 18
Gass, Doe & Co., butter	43 90
A. J. Towns, ice	10 00
William G. Harris, carpet	24 20
Jeremiah McCarty, labor	1 00
Old Colony R. R. Co., freight	93
H. H. Guinan, supplies	85 75
Thomas F. Swan, mouldings	2 64
James E. Nash, clock	1 50
Wales Bros., repairing	11 00

Paid Albert Hawes, supplies	\$303 05
H. M. White & Co.	1 65
George R. Weaver, salary to March 1, 1889	66 66
C. A. Wales, supplies	19 00
Oliver M. Sheridan, medical attendance and supplies	41 57
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	\$2,694 12

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Labor town team	\$157 66
Stock and produce sold	37 56
Board of sundry persons	303 05
Town of Holbrook, board of sundry persons	370 73
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	\$869 00
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Net expense of almshouse	\$1,825 12

RELIEF OF POOR OF RANDOLPH OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital	\$169 92
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital	157 56
for William J. Kinsley, at State Lunatic Hospital	68 25
for Margaret Ward, at State Lunatic Hos- pital	169 92
for Bridget Gallagher, at State Lunatic Hospital	81 30
for Timothy Donahoe, at State Lunatic Hospital	176 34
for Charles H. Abbott	53 00
for Mrs. William H. Ainsley and family . .	239 57

Paid for William Allen and family	\$115 41
for William Abbott	12 25
for Ellen Addison and family	10 00
for Susan Acherson	14 25
for Mrs. James Butler	45 00
for Annie Bunburry and family	101 98
for Patrick Barry	49 25
for Lorena Beal	90 75
for Mrs. Edward Bracken and family	189 87
for Elmer G. Biglow	24 00
for Mrs. Maurice Colbath	61 00
for Mrs John Carey and family	50 43
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family	141 75
for Thomas Donahoe and family	67 40
for James D. Fox and family	220 53
for Mrs. John Fencer	34 75
for James Fitzgerald and wife	51 50
for William Farnum	25 00
for Hiram Holbrook and family	62 35
for Mrs. Noah Holbrook	52 00
for Alexander Holbrook and wife	73 00
for Isaac Holbrook and wife	148 33
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt	109 25
for Lucinda Holbrook	52 00
for Loring Jones	16 00
for John Leahy	59 42
for Bridget Long	66 84
for William Kelliher	1 60
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family	153 25
for Timothy Mannix	81 25
for Mrs. Elizabeth Myers	60 00
for Frederick Miller	18 00
for John McKay, child	9 85
for Thomas Murray	86 00

Paid for Mrs. Delazon Mann	\$35 00
for Frederick Nolan	7 75
for Mrs. Fanny Niles	46 50
for Mrs. Luke O'Riley and family	141 00
for Margaret Riley	40 52
for Ann F. Thayer	100 00
for Mrs. John F. Sullivan and family	69 17
for Mrs. Elizabeth Green	52 00
for Catherine Smith	39 00
for Patrick McMahon	7 25
for Louisa P. Sloan	23 60
for William Shields	20 00
for Francis McMath	17 00
for Mrs. Danforth Chandler	7 50
for Charles H. Wood and family	28 20
for sundry persons aid refunded	127 38
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	\$4,231 99

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hos- pital	\$169 92
for Mrs. Frank Boyle and family	78 00
for Mrs. Elizabeth Dumphy and family	296 28
for Patrick Doherty	40 00
for George F. French	4 00
for Thomas F. Hand and family	89 50
for Ebenezer Holbrook and family	143 50
for Albert Howard	72 88
for Maurice Kiley, board of child	23 00
for Lawrence Leavitt	80 05

Paid for James Meaney and family . . .	\$261 97
for John E. Mann and family . . .	159 25
for Mary Mullins . . .	72 00
for Albert W. Stetson and family . . .	114 20
for William Whitten . . .	12 00
for Flora Cook . . .	26 75
for Sarah Bond . . .	35 00
for Lysander Morse . . .	3 25
for Christiana Sloan and family . . .	84 18
for sundry persons, aid refunded . . .	18 10
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	\$1,783 88

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Louis Crovo, Boston . . .	\$ 10 00
for Frederick Fowler, Easton . . .	169 00
for Abbie L. French, Holbrook . . .	3 00
for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook . . .	55 42
for Rufus I. Jones, Holbrook . . .	1 55
for Louisa Pool, Holbrook . . .	137 50
for Lucius Hollis, Holbrook . . .	3 00
for Mrs. Wilfred N. Pendergrass and children, Holbrook . . .	160 00
for Mrs. John Glover, Quincy . . .	7 25
for Hiram Hunt, Quincy . . .	24 00
for Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree . . .	60 00
for Andrew C. Nightingale . . .	39 50
for Mrs. Bridget Hoyer, Taunton . . .	53 49
for Alvah M. Nightingale, Duxbury . . .	10 00
for Mrs. John C. Welch, Weymouth . . .	17 00
for Lysander Alden and wife, Avon . . .	21 67
for Henry Wentworth, Canton . . .	22 00
for Patrick Fleming . . .	5 00
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	\$799 38

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, keeper of lockup one year . . .	\$138 17
Colin Boyd, supplies	45 50
Charles H. Belcher, supplies	17 56
Frank F. Smith, charcoal	3 90
J. Foley, washing blankets	6 00
H. B. Libby, labor and material	1 57
George W. Pollock, labor and material	6 00
John B. Thayer, labor and material	3 30
C. C. Farnham, medical attendance	3 00
D. B. White, coal	6 75
C. A. Wales, labor and material	10 04
Overseers of Poor, aid to sundry persons	2 84
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	\$244 83

The following sums of money have been paid to the several physicians, for medical aid to persons under charge of the Overseers of the Poor, to April 1, 1889 : —

Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman	\$ 50 00
Dr. Charles C. Farnham	50 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen	50 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt	50 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase	50 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger	50 00
Dr. Oliver M. Sheridan	50 00
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	\$350 00

RANDOLPH, March 15, 1889

The undersigned auditors of the Town of Randolph respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the

Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,
WILLIAM J. LONG,

Auditors.

ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,
March 1, 1889.

1 horse	\$ 50 00
1 cow	50 00
2 swine	12 00
19 hens	12 00
6 tons of English hay	120 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton salt hay	3 00
1 road scraper	175 00
2 horse carts	125 00
1 farm wagon	70 00
1 carryall	85 00
1 two-horse wagon	60 00
1 swing drag	60 00
1 mowing machine	40 00
1 hay cutter and feed trough	8 00
2 gravel screens	15 00
2 cart harnesses	30 00
1 carriage harness	10 00
1 pair double harnesses	50 00
1 two-horse sled, with shafts and pole	50 00
4 draft chains	10 00
2 grindstones	8 00
1 carriage jack	2 00
6 baskets	2 00

3 ploughs	\$16 00
1 new plough	15 00
1 harrow	5 00
8 hay and manure forks	5 00
4 shovels	5 00
2 iron bars and 3 picks	5 00
3 wood-saws and saw-horses	4 00
4 hoes, 8 garden and hay rakes	4 00
4 scythes and snaths	3 00
2 hand-saws, plane and square	4 00
1 bit-stock and bit, and iron vise, hammer, &c.	5 00
3 stone hammers and 32 drills	42 00
35 flour barrels	5 25
15 cords of hard wood, fitted for stove	120 00
1½ tons of coal	10 00
3 bushels of potatoes	2 70
Garden vegetables	5 00
1 barrel of flour	8 00
10 pounds of butter	3 00
60 pounds of lard	7 20
500 pounds of pork	60 00
20 pounds of crackers	1 60
40 gallons of molasses	20 00
15 gallons of vinegar	5 00
1½ bushels of beans	3 75
10 jars of pickles and preserves	2 00
250 pounds of sugar	15 00
24 pounds of tea	11 00
Spices	2 00
5 pounds of tobacco	2 00
Grain and meal	2 00
1 cooking range and furniture	45 00
100 pounds of ham	14 00
50 pounds of bacon	6 50

20 gallons of kerosene	2 40
1 kerosene barrel	1 50
1 small stove	5 00
1 fire extinguisher	40 00
9 flat irons	4 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ box of soap	2 00
1 sewing machine	16 00
$\frac{3}{4}$ box of soap powder	2 00
Crockery ware	40 00
Wooden ware	15 00
1 ice chest	12 00
Clothes wringer and tin ware	15 00
10 hand, 3 hanging lamps, 3 lanterns	8 00
1 clock	4 00
12 cuspadores	6 00
26 iron bedsteads	156 00
12 feather beds	75 00
25 under beds	36 00
70 sheets	35 00
36 colored blankets	36 00
26 white blankets	26 00
64 pillow cases	12 00
12 bed spreads	12 00
31 comforters	31 00
54 feather pillows	32 00
30 towels	4 00
5 table cloths	6 00
7 small and 4 dining tables	2 00
1 black walnut extension	10 00
2 all-wool carpets	45 00
60 chairs	30 00
6 brooms	1 50
1 churn	4 00
Coal shovels and hods	5 50

3 axes	3 50
1 wheelbarrow	3 50
1 tobacco cutter	4 00
1 snow plough	15 00
1 sleigh	25 00
1 carriage robe, 2 horse blankets	8 00
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	\$2,301 90

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR 1889.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town :—

For schools (see report of school committee) .	\$8,989 27
Stetson High School (see report of trustees) .	3,200 00
Miscellaneous town expenses	2,000 00
Highways, general repairs	2,000 00
Highways, special repairs	1,500 00
Paving	500 00
Removing snow	200 00
Fire department (see engineer's report) .	2,480 00
Poor in almshouse	2,000 00
Poor outside	4,000 00
Randolph and Holbrook	1,000 00
Military aid	600 00
Town officers	2,000 00
Water works (see water commissioners report)	7,575 00
Water supply for almshouse (see overseers of poor report)	250 00
Turner Free Library (see report of trustees) .	600 00
Interest on town debt	

Respectfully submitted,

PETER B. HAND,
JOHN B. THAYER,
MICHAEL J. DALY,

Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.
1888-9.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The school committee present to the citizens of Randolph a report of the schools, their progress and present standing, as also an account of expenditures for the past year.

The committee are pleased to report the schools in good condition, and reasonable progress has been made in the past year through effort on the part of the teachers to make the work better.

The world makes progress as the years pass by, and there is a possibility of doing better work today than in the past. Conditions change in the schools, and there must be a corresponding change on the part of teachers to meet the new conditions.

Our school population is not what it was twenty years ago, both as to numbers and mental characteristics; the new conditions may be better or worse than the old, certainly they are different and demand a change in the methods of teaching.

But conditions after all change slowly and the wise teacher sees what there is of value in a new method, takes and uses it for the good of his pupils, but is not led into any extremes by the adoption of the impracticable, and our schools will compare favorably with the schools of the majority of towns in the state.

The schools have been in session thirty-eight weeks, exclusive of vacations, with the exception of the usual holidays from time to time, and there has been only one change in the corps of teachers.

At the close of the school year in June, Mary L. Howard resigned her position as teacher of No. 6 school, to accept a more lucrative position at Medford, and Miss Hannah F.

Hoye of the Quincy training school was appointed to fill the vacancy, and has given good satisfaction.

During the year the committee have secured many books at exchange rates, and the expense to the town reduced, as we believe it a wise policy where books are badly worn to exchange them for later editions where it can be done advantageously.

The committee have also introduced into the schools the Normal System of music, and secured the services of Prof. Meisner to instruct the teachers and pupils in the new system, which is not so complicated as the old National System and more easily understood by both teachers and pupils, and part of the expense of instruction was borne by the teachers, and we can truthfully say, that as good results will be secured in this study as are secured in others.

There has been the usual amount of sickness to interfere with school attendance, especially during the last term of school which closed March 8, but it was confined mostly to the smaller children; still there are parents who are continually urged by the committee and teachers to send their children regularly to school, as a pupil cannot be absent for a single day without serious loss to himself and damage to the school. Scholars who stay out of school often without sufficient cause are generally dull and fall behind in their classes, and the parents of those children wonder why they failed of promotion.

The parents share does not consist simply in providing the necessary means for carrying on the schools, but rather in extending to the teachers the aid and sympathy which comes from actually knowing of the work to be done in the schools, and intelligent criticism based upon actual knowledge, will always be hailed with delight by a good teacher, but indiscriminate fault-finding and lack of interest, all tend to repress the best efforts of those having direct charge of the schools.

By the enumeration under the charge of the committee as required by the statutes, there were in the town on May 1, 1888 six hundred and thirty children between five and fifteen years of age, a decrease of twenty-two from the census of 1887, and the annexed table will give the attendance in each school. The committee have introduced water into the Prescott, North Grammar and No. 1 school buildings at a cost of \$212.26, and this year the committee ask for an appropriation of \$150 to introduce it into other school buildings.

The Prescott school house needs shingling and other small repairs and we ask for a special appropriation of \$500 for the same, and \$200 for repairs on No. 6 school-house.

To maintain the schools for the coming year the committee have made the following estimates :

For Teaching	\$6,714 00
Fuel	325 00
Care of rooms	459 00
General and incidentals	500 00
School supplies	800 00
Instruction in music and drawing	200 00
Permanent repairs	350 00
Permanent repairs (special)	500 00

\$9,848 00

Less estimated amount of revenue from all
sources,

858 73

\$8,989 27

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1888-9.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per ct. of Attendance.	No. over 15 years.	No. between 8 and 14.	No. under 5 years.	Not absent during year
High School.	Hugh J. Molloy. Bertha G. Young. Mary Fitch. }	87	79	74.6	94.5	36	51		
Prescott Grammar.	Thomas H. West.	51	43.5	41	95	7	36		1
	Isabelle G. Driscoll.	50	47	43	91.5	1	42		1
	Kate E. Sheridan.	36	33	30	90				
	Mary A. Molloy.	39	35	34	95.5		39		4
Prescott Primary.	Mary E. Wren.	38	35.3	32.5	93		22		2
	Kittie R. Molloy.	35	34	32	94		35		5
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	52	40	39	97			13	
North Grammar.	Joseph Belcher.	62	56	50	90.5	3	59		1
	Ellen P. Henry.	37	34	30	88		36		2
North Primary.	Emma D. Stetson.	38	35	30	86		30		
	Clara A. Tolman.	41	39	31	80	3			
No. 1, Ungraded.	Minnie W. Corliss.	44	30	27	90		24	2	
" 3, "	Sara C. Belcher.	42	35	31	91		28	1	2
" 4, "	Rose M. Brady.	23	18	15	83		13		2
" 6, "	Hannah F. Hoye.	37	29	24	82		17		3
Totals,		712	622.8	564.1	90.5	50	432	16	23

The following-named have been reported to the committee, and constitute the "Roll of Honor" in attendance:—

NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

Herbert L. Chase.	Chas. Mahoney.
Chas. Brady.	Maggie Barrett.
Lizzie Clark.	Wm. McLaughlin.
Mary Hayden.	Dennis O'Halloran.
Nellie Mackedon.	Hannah B. Scanlon.
Bennie Hayden.	Herbert Jones.
Thomas Good.	Bessie DeForrest.
Cornelius Good.	Mabel DeForrest.
Dwight F. Thayer.	J. Edward Devine.
Edith E. Holbrook.	Carrie A. Devine.
Wade C. Belcher.	Fanny Devine.
Edward Brady.	

NOT ABSENT DURING TWO TERMS.

Katie Patten.	Maude Howard.
Willie Mahady.	Walter L. Hickey.
Gordon R. Thayer.	Chas. W. Martin.
Herbert W. Lenox.	Lena Schraut.
Mary F. Scanlon.	George Schraut.
Ethel E. Roberts.	Willie Jones.
Howard Thayer.	Annie L. Bracken.
Joseph Purcell.	Lizzie Dolan.

NOT ABSENT DURING ONE TERM.

Joseph P. Kelliher.	Lillian McGaughey.
Frank W. Belcher.	Howard Randall.
Katie Welsh.	Henry J. Mann.
Katie J. Burke.	Isaac R. Mann.
Mary F. Burke.	Leroy C. Holbrook.

Florence Parker.	Shirley E. Roberts.
Eileen Bracken.	Geo. S. Jones.
Farrell Cain.	Percy Whiting.
James Powderly.	Joseph Clark.
Martin O'Connor.	Katie Fennesy.
Nellie Malley.	George Jones.
Mary Mahoney.	Shirley Roberts.
Maggie Uniack.	Henry Mann.
Annie Welch.	Wesley Poole.
Emma Wahl.	Frank C. Wales.
James Connors.	Frank Martin.
John McGaughey.	Mary I. Jaquith.
Joseph Gaynor.	Annie Schraut.
Francis McGarriglo.	Mary Schraut.
Willie Scannell.	Chester L. Paine.
Nicholas Moore.	Percy H. Paine.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS, 1888-9.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, one year	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher	"	.	.	.	1,000,00
Isabella G. Driscoll	"	.	.	.	450 00
Ellen P. Henry	"	.	.	.	399 76
Sara C. Belcher	"	.	.	.	399 76
Kate E. Sheridan	"	.	.	.	399 00
Mary A. Molloy	"	.	.	.	380 00
Mary E. Wren	"	.	.	.	380 00
Kittie R. Molloy	"	.	.	.	361 00
Emma D. Stetson	"	.	.	.	342 00
Sara J. McGaughey	"	.	.	.	342 00
Minnie W. Corliss	"	.	.	.	342 00
Rose Mary Brady	"	.	.	.	297 50

Paid Clara A. Tolman	“	\$297 50
Hannah F. Hoey, six months	200 00
Mary L. Howard, three months	123 50
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		\$6,714 02

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Rose E. Stetson, 1887	\$10 78
Margaret Reilly	21 04
Paid Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson	\$ 5 00
Margaret Reilly	. . . .	21 04
Galen Hollis	. . . .	33 34
Herbert C. Wilbur	. . . .	5 00
Frank H. Cullen	. . . .	2 00
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, cleaning	. . . .	13 20
Mrs. O'Connor, cleaning	. . . .	12 20
Mrs. Mary Harty, cleaning	. . . .	9 00
Alice Foley, cleaning	. . . .	12 50
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, cleaning	. . . .	5 00
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care and labor	. . . .	21 46
Herbert C. Wilbur, care and cleaning	. . . .	10 40
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care and lighting	. . . .	23 44
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care and shavings	. . . .	22 44
Mrs. Rose Stetson, care	. . . .	5 00
Galen Hollis, care rooms	. . . .	33 34
James Barry, care and cleaning	. . . .	15 00
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care rooms	. . . .	15 78
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care rooms	. . . .	21 04
Herbert C. Wilbur, care rooms	. . . .	10 00
Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care rooms	. . . .	31 26
Galen Hollis	. . . .	33 33
Mrs. Lewis Stetson	10 00
James Barry, care room	10 00
Caleb Stevens, care room	20 00
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		\$458 97

SCHOOL SUPPLIES, STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Thompson, Brown & Co., 2 bills	\$37 17
D. Appleton & Co.	3 50
Carl Schoenoff	7 60
Charles Scribner	18 00
Harrison Hume	5 24
D. Appleton & Co.	14 01
Carl Schoenoff	3 15
J. L. Hammett	3 00
Silver, Burdett & Co.	8 34
Hugh J. Molloy, cash paid for supplies	2 58
Ginn & Co.	4 00
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	\$106 59

SCHOOL SUPPLIES, COMMON SCHOOLS.

Paid Thorp, Adams & Co.	\$ 23 10
J. L. Hammett	55 40
Geo. S. Perry	1 50
Boston School Supply Co.	7 00
Silver, Rogers & Co.	17 40
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	5 00
A. S. Barnes & Co.	5 84
Thompson & Odell	8 50
Winkley, Dresser & Co.	4 60
J. L. Hammett	1 54
Joseph Belcher	2 55
Boston School Supply Co.	3 60
Harrison Hume	4 00
J. L. Hammett, paper	7 50
Wm. H. Claflin	11 45
Copperthwaite & Co.	4 79
Harrison Hume, 2 bills	13 19
Geo. F. King & Merrill	4 25

Paid William Ware & Co., 2 bills	\$102 10
Harper & Brothers, 2 bills	93 00
John B. Wren, supplies	13 19
Harrison Hume, 2 bills	10 63
J. L. Hammett, 3 bills	83 47
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies and charts .	74 00
James A. Hoey & Co., books	17 82
A. S. Barnes & Co.	33 97
A. M. Edwards, charts	40 00
John B. Wren, supplies	5 78
William H. Claffin, 2 bills	9 00
Thorp, Adams & Co.	3 00
Copperthwaite & Co.	128 52
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	\$795 69

GENERAL AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Edward A. Perry, labor	\$3 00
Deborah M. Jones, use of well one year . .	3 00
E. A. Perry, labor and stock	7 00
Michael O'Connell, taking census of school children	20 00
Charles H. Cole, labor and loam, N. Grammar.	17 50
John B. Wren, cash paid for labor	8 33
Michael Sheridan, labor, Prescott school yard .	14 00
Daniel Leahy, team 2 days, and 22 loads of loam free	7 00
H. L. Mudgett, pails	1 11
Michael Sheridan, labor	2 00
James E. Nash, repairing clocks	3 87
R. W. Burnham, tuning piano	3 00
E. A. Perry, labor, No. 1 school house . .	5 50
Nathaniel Noyes, labor and material . . .	37 48

Paid E. A. Perry, labor and stock	\$4 00
Charruk Brothers, feather dusters	8 50
Nathaniel H. Tirrell, labor on blackboards	42 25
Charles A. Wales, hose reel and nozzle, N. Grammer	9 25
C. A. Wales, labor on stoves and supplies	74 81
John B. Wren, cash paid for labor	5 50
John Wales, use of well $1\frac{1}{2}$ years	4 50
Edward A. Perry, labor and stock	19 80
Thomas Dolan, cash paid postage and inci- dentals	7 25
S. B. Woodman, labor and stock, cellars	13 50
Packard & Burrell, brushes	2 65
E. A. Perry, stock and labor	4 25
Silver, Burdett & Co., special instruction in music	28 00
Charles H. Belcher & Co., merchandise	7 89
N. H. Tirrell, labor on school-houses	11 60
James Barry, labor	88
Edward A. Perry, labor	4 00
John P. Rooney, truant officer	20 00
Colin Boyd, care committee room	6 00
David Foley, labor	1 50
Galen Hollis, truant officer	15 00
Mrs. Lewis Stetson	3 00
Charles A. Wales	16 90
Charles Prescott	3 29
Daniel H. Huxford	24 75
A. J. Gove, sundry bills	45 65
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	\$517 51

FOR FUEL, &C.

Paid Daniel Leahy, 3 cords of wood	\$ 15 00
H. C. Wilbur, sawing wood	1 00

Paid S. A. Thayer, 47 tons coal	\$67 90
Ephraim Wales, wood	2 50
Adam F. Jones, wood	2 50
Morton Holbrook, labor	3 00
Edwin M. Mann, wood	5 00
Souanna M. Jones, labor	1 00
James Barry, labor	1 50
S. A. Thayer, 6,470 pounds coal	21 03
Daniel Leahy, wood	2 50
Caleb Stevens, labor	1 80
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	\$324 73

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid Randolph Water Works, Prescott school-house	\$ 19 70
E. F. Scanlan, plumbing, Prescott school-house	114 43
Randolph Water Works, No. Grammar school-house	12 73
Randolph Water Works, No. 1 school-house	13 29
Charles A. Wales, plumbing, No. 1 school-house	20 04
George Goodhue, plumbing, No. Grammar school-house	32 07
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	\$212 26

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching	\$6,714 02
Permanent repairs	212 26
For fuel, etc.	324 73
School supplies Stetson High School	106 59
Common schools	795 69

General and incidental expenses	.	.	.	\$517 51
Care of rooms	.	.	.	458 97
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				\$9,129 77

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

Town appropriations	\$8,000 00
Received from dog tax	608 03
Received from State fund	.	.	.	.	170 70
Received from Coddington fund	80 00
For water pipes school-houses	200 00
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					\$9,058 73
Expenses of schools	\$9,129 77
Income from all sources	9,058 73
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Excess of expenditure over appropriation	\$71 04

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. WREN,
THOMAS DOLAN,
T. T. CUSHMAN.

School Committee.

Randolph, March, 1889.

APPENDIX.

LAWS RELATIVE TO SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE.

ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF 1888.

[CHAPTER 348.]

AN ACT in relation to the employment of children.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. No child under thirteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law.

SEC. 2. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any manner before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening. No such child shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment, except during the vacation of the public schools in the city or town where he resides, unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file a certificate and employment ticket for such child as prescribed by section four of this act, and no such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of such city or town are in session, unless as aforesaid, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours unless during the

year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law ; and such employment shall not continue in any case beyond the time when such certificate expires. The chief of the district police, with the approval of the governor, shall have authority to designate any kind or kinds of employment in factories, workshops or mercantile establishments as injurious to the health of children under fourteen years of age employed therein, and after one week's written notice from the said chief to the employer or his superintendent, overseer or other agent of such designation no such child shall be employed in any such kind or kinds of employment in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment.

SEC. 3. No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file the certificate required in the case of such child by the following section, and also keeps on file a full and complete list of such children employed therein.

SEC. 4. The certificate of a child under fourteen years of age shall not be signed until he presents to the person authorized to sign the same an employment ticket, as hereinafter prescribed, duly filled out and signed. The certificate and the employment ticket shall be separately printed, and shall be in the following forms respectively, and the blanks therein shall be filled out and signed as indicated by the words in brackets : —

EMPLOYMENT TICKET, LAW OF 1888.

When [name of child], height [feet and inches], complexion [fair or dark], hair [color], presents a certificate duly signed, I intend to employ [him or her]. [Signature of intending employer or agent.]

[Town or city and state.]

AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATE, LAW OF 1888.

This certifies that I am the [father, mother or guardian] of [name of child], and that [he or she] was born at [name of town or city], in the county of [name of county, if known], and state [or country] of [name], on the [day and year of birth], and is now [number of years and months], old.

[Signature of father, mother or guardian.]

[Town or city and date.]

Then personally appeared before me the above-named [name of person signing] and made oath that the foregoing certificate by [him or her] signed is true to the best of [his or her] knowledge and belief. I hereby approve the foregoing certificate of [name of child], height [feet and inches], complexion [fair or dark], hair [color], having no sufficient reason to doubt that [he or she] is of the age therein certified.

[Signature of person authorized to sign, with official character or authority.]

[Town or city and date.]

In case the age of the child is under fourteen, the certificate shall continue as follows, after the word "certified":—And I hereby certify that [he or she] can read at sight, and can write legibly, simple sentences in the English language, and that [he or she] has attended the [name] public [or private] day school according to law for [number of weeks, which must be at least twenty] weeks during the year next preceding this date, and that the last twenty weeks of such attendance began [date]. This certificate expires [date, one year later than above date].

[Signature of the person authorized to sign, with official character or authority.]

If attendance has been at a private school, also signature of a teacher of such school, followed by words, — certifying to school attendance.

[Town or city, and date.]

In case a child cannot read and write as above stated, the

following may be substituted for the clause beginning "and I hereby certify," through to and including the word "language:" "and I hereby certify that [he or she] is a regular attendant at the [name] public evening school;" but in such case the certificate shall only continue in force for as long a time as attendance of such child at such evening school is endorsed weekly during the session of such evening school, not exceeding the length of the public school year, minus twenty weeks, in place of attendance at day school, as now provided by law, with a statement from a teacher thereof, certifying that his attendance continues regular. If attendance has been at a half-time school, forty weeks of such attendance must be certified to, instead of twenty. The foregoing certificate must be filled out in duplicate, and one copy thereof shall be kept on file by the school committee. Any explanatory matter may be printed with such certificate, in the discretion of the school committee or superintendent of schools.

SEC. 5. In cities and towns having a superintendent of schools, said certificate shall be signed only by such superintendent, or by some person authorized by him in writing; in other cities and towns it shall be signed by some member or members of the school committee authorized by vote thereof: *provided, however*, that no member of a school committee, or other person authorized as aforesaid, shall have authority to sign such certificate for any child then in, or about to enter, his own employment, or the employment of a firm of which he is a member, or of a corporation of which he is an officer or employee. The person signing the certificate shall have authority to administer the oath provided for therein, but no fee shall be charged therefor; such oath may also be administered by any justice of the peace.

SEC. 6. The certificate as to the birthplace and age of a child shall be signed by his father, if living and a resident of the same city or town; if not, by his mother; or if his mother

is not living, or if living is not a resident of the same city or town, by his guardian. If a child has no father, mother or guardian living in the same city or town, his own signature to the certificate may be accepted by the person authorized to approve the same.

SEC. 7. No child who has been continuously a resident of a city or town since reaching the age of thirteen years, shall be entitled to receive a certificate that he has reached the age of fourteen, unless or until he has attended school according to law in such city or town for at least twenty weeks since reaching the age of thirteen, unless exempted by law from such attendance. Before signing the approval of the certificate of age of a child, the person authorized to sign the same shall refer to the last school census, taken under the provisions of section three of chapter forty-six of the Public Statutes; and if the name of such child is found thereon, and there is a material difference between his age as given therein and as given by his parent or guardian in the certificate, allowing for lapse of time, or if such child plainly appears to be of materially less age than that so given, then such certificate shall not be signed until a copy of the certificate of birth or of baptism of such child, or a copy of the register of its birth with a town or city clerk, has been produced, or other satisfactory evidence furnished that such child is of the age stated in the certificate.

SEC. 8. The truant officers may, when so authorized and required by vote of the school committee, visit the factories, workshops and mercantile establishments in their several cities and towns, and ascertain whether any children under the age of fourteen are employed therein, contrary to the provisions of this act; and they shall report any cases of such illegal employment to the school committee and to the chief of the district police, or the inspector of factories for the district. The inspectors of factories and the truant officers, when authorized as aforesaid, may demand the names of all children under sixteen

years of age employed in such factories, workshops and mercantile establishments; and may require that the certificates and lists of such children, provided for in this act, shall be produced for their inspection. Such truant officers shall inquire into the employment, otherwise than in such factories, workshops and mercantile establishments, of children under the age of fourteen years, during the hours when the public schools are in session, and may require that the aforesaid certificates of all children under sixteen shall be produced for their inspection; and any such officer, or any inspector of factories, may bring a prosecution against a person or corporation employing any such child, otherwise than as aforesaid, during the hours when the public schools are in session, contrary to the provisions of this act, if such employment still continues one week, after written notice from such officer or inspector that such prosecution will be brought, or if more than one such written notice, whether relating to the same child or to any other child, has been given to such employer by a truant officer or inspector of factories, at any time within one year.

SEC. 9. Every parent or guardian of a child under fourteen years of age who permits any employment of such child contrary to the provisions of this act, and every owner, superintendent or overseer of any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment who employs or permits to be employed therein any child contrary to the provisions of this act, and any other person who employs any child contrary to the provisions of this act, shall for every such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, for the use of the public schools of the city or town. Every parent, guardian or person authorized to sign the certificate prescribed by section four of this act, who certifies to any materially false statement therein, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A failure to produce to a truant officer or in-

spector of factories the certificate required by the provisions of this act shall be prima facie evidence of the illegal employment of the child whose certificate is not produced.

SEC. 10. The expressions "factory" and "workshop" used in this act shall have the meanings defined for them respectively by chapter one hundred and three of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

SEC. 11. Within one month of the passage of this act the chief of the district police shall cause a printed copy thereof to be transmitted to the school committee of every city and town in the Commonwealth.

SEC. 12. Sections one to six, inclusive, of chapter forty-eight of the Public Statutes, chapter two hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 13. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Approved May 17, 1888.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the selectmen and inhabitants of the town of Randolph :—

The trustees of the Stetson School Fund submit their annual report.

The investments of the fund remain as heretofore and are as follows :—

10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank (par)	.	\$1,000 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
10 shares Old Boston National Bank (par)	.	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank (par)	.	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank (par)	.	1,300 00

THE TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis Bond \$1,000 00

The financial account annexed gives a full exhibit of all the receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1889.

During the year the school-rooms have been painted and repairs made where needed, and the building should be painted outside, and the hall also is very much in need of painting, and we trust that the town will appropriate money for the same, and we have made an estimate of the probable cost. For painting the building outside and the hall, six hundred dollars. For frescoing hall, six hundred dollars. The building has not been painted since 1879 and should be painted as soon as possible.

The graduation exercises occurred on the twenty-second of June, in Stetson Hall, and diplomas were presented to the graduating classes, and in addition two medals from the Turner Fund were presented to the valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. The following are the names of the graduating classes :

FOUR YEARS COURSE.

Rachel May Clark,	Fanny Elva Knight,
Mary Ella Field,	Elizabeth Genevieve Lyons,
Emma Elizabeth DeNeil —	Blanche Louise Smith,
(Salutatory,)	Rachel Josephine Sweeney,
Abbie Genevieve Harris,	Bertram Clyde Tirrell —
Mary Emma Holbrook,	(Valedictory.)
Louise Bernadette Kelliher.	

ENGLISH COURSE. (TWO YEARS.)

Katie Elizabeth Gibbons,	Esther Toms,
Bertha Waite Howard,	Frank Herbert Jaquith,
Florence Abbie Mann,	Geo. Emerson Mann,
Nellie Gertrude Mann,	John Francis McMahon,
Eva Gertrude Spear,	Geo. Nelson Wilbur.

At the close of the school year the resignations of Miss A. B. Chandler and Miss Ada H. Tucker, assistants in the school, were read and accepted, and there were many applicants for the positions and Miss Bertha G. Young and Miss Mary R. Fitch were chosen by the trustees, and we were fortunate in obtaining excellent teachers.

The school opened September fourth with Mr. H. J. Molloy as principal and Miss Bertha G. Young and Mary R. Fitch as assistants, and they, we feel, are doing their work faithfully and procuring for us good results. Forty-three pupils entered

the school in September, of whom seventeen chose the classical course, and twenty-six the English course.

To maintain the High School upon its present footing of efficiency, the trustees ask for an appropriation by the town of two thousand dollars.

JOHN B. WREN,
T. T. CUSHMAN,
W. A. BARRETT.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1888.

	To balance old account,		\$ 7 73
April 10.	To dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00	
	Webster, " "	25 00	
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	30 00	
	Shoe & Leather " "	25 00	
	Exchange, " "	35 00	
	Boylston, " "	30 00	
	Tremont, " "	25 00	
	Old Boston, " "	30 00	
	Shawmut, " "	39 00	
	Randolph, " "	65 00	
		<hr/>	334 00
April 16	Tax on Bank Stock refunded by State for 1885,	\$131 76	
	" 1886,	166 19	
	" 1887,	143 65	
		<hr/>	441 60
June 20	Town appropriation in part		725 00
Oct. 2	Dividend, Eliot National Bank,	30 00	
	Webster, " "	25 00	
	Hide & Leather,	30 00	
	Shoe & Leather,	25 00	
	Exchange,	35 00	
	Boylston,	30 00	
	Tremont,	25 00	
	Old Boston,	30 00	
	Shawmut,	39 00	
	Randolph,	65 00	
		<hr/>	334 00
Nov. 14.	Town appropriation, in part		725 00
Dec. 28.	Tax on Bank Stock for 1888 refunded by State,		177 77
	Amount received from rental of hall,		242 00
		<hr/>	\$2 987 10

The undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of the Stetson School Fund as represented, and find them correct.

The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining with the Secretary.

We also find in the hands of the Secretary a \$1,000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund the same as reported by the trustees.

PETER B. HAND,
JOHN B. THAYER,
MICHAEL J. DALY,

Randolph, March 18, 1889.

Selectmen of Randolph.

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1888.

April 16.	By paying Seth Mann, insurance, . . .	\$ 22 50
" 23.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
May 10.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	52 50
18.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
29.	Miss Bunker, use of piano . . .	30 00
June 20.	Miss A. H. Tucker, salary, . . .	84 00
	Miss A. B. Chandler, salary, . . .	177 30
22.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	157 89
July 2.	Colin Boyd, salary, . . .	30 00
6.	H. J. Molloy, school supplies, . . .	10 80
20.	D. H. Huxford, . . .	14 25
28.	F. J. Donahue, . . .	1 50
Aug. 25.	S. A. Thayer, coal, . . .	85 50
	N. H. Tirrell, painting, . . .	117 61
Sep. 4.	Colin Boyd, . . .	7 85
19.	C. A. Wales, . . .	48 00
29.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary, . . .	50 00
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary, . . .	40 60
Oct. 26.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	26 31
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary, . . .	155 00
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary, . . .	40 00
Nov. 12.	Daly Bros., repairs, . . .	15 49
	J. White Belcher, insurance, . . .	10 00
23.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary, . . .	52 00
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary, . . .	40 00
	Colin Boyd, salary, . . .	25 00
28.	John B. Wren, bill, . . .	2 28
	H. J. Molloy, bill, . . .	4 51
Dec. 10.	S. B. Woodman, bill, . . .	18 66
22.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	94 73
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary, . . .	60 00
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary, . . .	57 63
	F. F. Smith, charcoal, . . .	12 00
28.	F. A. Stanley, repairs, . . .	6 07
31.	American Bank Note Co., engraved plate for diploma, \$150 00	
	Diplomas, . . .	6 25
		156 25
	H. C. Kendall, bill, . . .	5 00

1889.

Jan. 26.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary, . . .	58 00
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary, . . .	47 36
28.	Edwin M. Mann, wood, . . .	15 00
Feb. 23.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary, . . .	126 31
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary, . . .	58 00
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary, . . .	47 36

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE STETSON
SCHOOL FUND.

1888.

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Mar. 7.	Charles A. Wales, bill,	28 15	
9.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary,	63 15	
11.	Colin Boyd,	25 00	
12.	Miss Bunker, use of piano to date,	30 00	
	H. J. Molloy, supplies,	1 10	
	F. Porter, supplies,	80	
	Thomas Hall, supplies,	2 81	
	For desk,	25 00	
	School supplies,	14 00	
	Miss Bertha G. Young, salary,	29 00	
	Miss Mary R. Fitch, salary,	23 68	
	James Fardy, bill,	17 25	
	John F. Fowkes, bill,	12 00	
	Trustees and secretary,	20 00	
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	Balance,		\$2,986 15
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			2,987 10

C. G. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY

TRUSTEES 1888-9.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D. D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAM H. BALKAM, JR., *Secretary.*

JOHN B. THAYER, PETER B. HAND, MICHAEL J. DALY,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE,

NATHANIEL HOWARD,

JOHN B. THAYER,

JOHN J. CRAWFORD,

JOHN V. BEAL,

J. WINSOR PRATT,

GILBERT A. TOLMAN,

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS M. LIZZIE STANLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with Article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the thirteenth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, and of the librarian, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1888.

TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library,

funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as in previous years.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster, John B. Thayer and Michael J. Daly) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1888, has been \$911.18:—gasoline and fuel, \$338.64; expressing, \$16.25; janitor, \$125; insurance, \$183.35; plumbing and repairs, \$224.61; other sundry supplies, \$23.33. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The building will require some repairs the present year.

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library was made in the month of July, by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, William H. Balkam, Jr.), and the library was found in excellent condition.

The general work of the library varies but slightly from year to year, and beyond the usual statistics prepared by the librarian, and the reports of the various committees, there is but little of importance to communicate.

The trustees are fortunate in still retaining the services of Dr. Farnham, who has had charge of the library since it was founded. His present assistant, Miss Stanley, is proving herself well fitted for the position.

The whole number of volumes in the library, Dec.

31, 1888	10,334
Volumes added during the year	284

Total number of days the library was open to the public	285
The number of volumes issued during the year	17,619
The largest number issued in one day	226
The smallest number issued in one day	6
Daily average	62

FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments; and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1888, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1888.

Balance on hand	\$269 31
Received rent from Randolph National Bank . . .	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank . . .	100 00
Received rent from Charles H. Belcher	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association . .	15 00
Received from town, interest on note	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund	580 00
Received from librarian for fines and catalogues .	21 35
Received from banks and others for their proportion of light and heat	203 93
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	\$1,989 59

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 1, 1888.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and bind- ing.	\$529 71
Amount paid librarian for salary one year . . .	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline and fuel	338 64
Amount paid for insurance	183 35
Amount paid for printing	39 56
Amount paid for expressing	16 25
Amount paid for sundry repairs	111 12
Amount paid for sundry supplies	16 91
Amount paid for water supply	7 17
Amount paid for plumbing, conductors and drains .	113 49
Balance on hand	8 39
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	\$1,989 59

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt, and Peter B. Hand) "re-

port that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; that a cash balance of \$8.39 is now in the treasury. They further find that all the rents, the interest, and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured. The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consist of \$5,000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the farther sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner Fund,' invested as follows: —

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad \$1,000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1,000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1,000 each.

"For the current year the income is estimated as follows:

From rents	\$600 00
Interest on town note	200 00
From Turner Fund	580 00
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	\$1,380 00

It is recommended by the trustees that an appropriation of six hundred dollars be asked from the town to aid in meeting the current expenses of the library for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 11, 1889.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
RANDOLPH, March 1, 1889.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Randolph :

The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit the following report : —

On May 1, 1888, the department organized as follows : —

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*Chief*), John Haney, D. J. Brennan (*Assistants*), W. A. Croak (*Clerk*).

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; F. J. Donahue, *Fireman*.

Steamer No. 2, J. Clark, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; W. M. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, James W. Farrell, *Foreman*, twenty men.

Hose Co. No. 2, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*, ten men.

Hook-and-ladder Co. No. 1, D. J. Foley, *Foreman*, twenty-five men.

Chemical Engine No. 1, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*, fifteen men.

FIRES.

July 4, 1888, a slight fire occurred in building corner Warren and Main streets, occupied by M. Cary, tailor (building since removed). Also dwelling of Mrs. Macadon, West street; no alarm on the bells; cause, fire crackers.

July 14, 1888, 12.45 A.M., a call for assistance from Avon (formerly East Stoughton) was received by Chief Wales, who

responded with steamer and hose 1. After proceeding a short distance, an alarm was rung from house of steamer 1, which called the steamer and hose back to the corner of Warren and Main streets, where a fire was in progress in building owned by heirs of H. B. Alden, and occupied by M. Cary, tailor. The fire was soon extinguished, with slight damage, when steamer and hose 1 again proceeded to Avon, where it was in service until 6 A.M. At the Avon fire some six or seven buildings were destroyed.

July 30, 11.45 A.M., alarm for fire in the Howard House (hotel), at the junction of Main and North streets, owned by heirs of John Long, and occupied by W. B. Hathaway as a hotel, and W. A. Smith, market; damage about \$3,000. This was the first fire where the fire hydrants of the water service of the town was used, which was a success.

July 31, at about 6.30 A. M., fire was discovered in an unoccupied dwelling on North street, owned by John Campbell, of Boston; wholly destroyed.

Aug. 11, 9 P.M., alarm for a fire in a barn on West street, owned and occupied by John Kelley; the barn wholly destroyed, and dwelling of Mr. Kelley damaged in the L of the same; and also a small building of Mr. Kelley's, used alternately as a dwelling and shop.

Aug. 27, 7 A.M., alarm for a fire in dwelling on West street, owned by Charles McCarthy, and occupied by Royal Abbott; damage to building slight; Mr. Abbott suffered quite a loss in clothing.

Aug. 28, 8 A.M., alarm for fire on roof of building corner of Main and West streets, owned by Seth Mann, and occupied by C. D. Hill as a grocery, and others as tenements; also C. Fairbanks, clothier; damage slight.

Nov. 1, 5 A. M., alarm for fire in dwelling on North Main street, owned by Moses Mann, unoccupied; wholly destroyed, together with a small barn and shed.

Nov. 3, 8 P. M., alarm for fire in a small barn on Chestnut street, owned by Charles Eddy, and occupied by him, also another building near it, used as a carriage house ; both destroyed, and a building used formerly as shoemaker's shop slightly damaged.

Nov. 17, 1.30 A. M., alarm for fire in dwelling on North Main street, owned by B. F. Porter, of Boston, and occupied by James Whitman ; L wholly destroyed, and roof of main house badly damaged.

Nov. 21, 2 A. M., fire was discovered in building on South Main street, owned by W. and J. Brennan, and formerly occupied by Andrew Hayes, as a bar-room ; wholly destroyed ; no alarm on the bells.

Dec. 2, about 4 A. M., fire was discovered in dwelling on Cross street, corner West, owned by Mrs. Fennesey ; damage slight ; no alarm on bells.

EXPENSES.

Paid 70 men, services 1 year to May 1, 1888, \$12 .	\$840 00
70 men, 370 hours, at 25 cents	92 50
J. H. Wales, engineer steamer 1	40 00
F. J. Donahue, fireman steamer 1	30 00
E. L. Payne, engineer steamer 2	40 00
W. M. Howard, fireman steamer 2	30 00
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1 from Nov. 1, '87, to May 1, '88	150 00
Josiah Clark, drawing steamer 2	48 00
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fires .	73 50
N. E. Knight, steamer, hook-and-ladder 1 .	11 50
F. J. Donahue, steward and care of fires .	83 50
W. M. Howard, steward and care of fires .	39 25
James W. Farrell, janitor hose 1. . . .	6 00
Thomas Farrell, special services (2 years) .	14 00
E. L. Payne, care of steamer 2	17 75

J. E. Blanche, drawing chemical engine May,	
'87, to March, '89	27 00
A. J. Morse, play pipes, nozzles, etc.	54 90
James Riley, rent of land steamer 2 (2 years)	30 00
A. S. Jackson, supplies of various kinds	295 25
C. O. Bennett, supplies for chemical 1	2 81
D. B. White, coal for engine houses	76 25
Mary Sullivan, rent of land chemical 1	10 00
Colin Boyd, care of room for engineers	6 00
John W. Bryan, drawing hose 1	5 00
Boston Woven Hose Co., gun for fire escape	25 00
C. Prescott & Co., supplies	1 27
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Total expenses,	\$2,049 48
Appropriation,	1,800
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Balance,	\$249 48

As will be seen by the above figures, the amount of expense has exceeded the appropriation \$249.48, we will therefore say a word by way of explanation.

The Board of Engineers in their report one year ago, stated that in order to work satisfactory under the new order of things since the system of water works had been introduced into the town, the fire department would need some new implements to work with, and as the appropriation was reduced some \$200 from the previous year, and no special amount provided for the above uses, the board were of the opinion that the good of the service required that they should purchase said implements, hoping that when the citizens of the town saw the advantage of the same when in use, it would meet their approval. Some of the implements are as follows:

Two double branch hydrant gates, cost \$25 each	\$50 00
Two single branch hydrant gates, cost \$12 each	24 00

Four flexible pipes and several shut off, or stop nozzles	70 00
Total	<hr/> \$144 00

The citizens along the western section of Warren and West streets petitioned the board to place a few hundred feet of hose in the house of chemical engine No.1. After the matter was duly considered the board decided to purchase a two-wheeled hose cart and place about four hundred feet of hose there to be handled by the company there, cost of same ninety dollars.

The attention of the Board of Engineers was called to a State law recently passed, which required all fire departments to provide a suitable fire escape apparatus to be carried at all times to fires, to be used in case of need, in assisting persons to escape from the upper stories of buildings whose escape had been cut off by fire. In case of a town failing to so provide, it was liable to a heavy fine. After consultation with the Selectmen and some citizens, it was decided to purchase a jumping net made of stout canvass, also a fire-escape shute and ladder combined, which is operated by shooting a line into or over a building by means of which the ladder or shute is drawn up to window or roof of building the cost of the same being one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, and consists of two steamers, one hose carriage (hand), one hose carriage (horse), one two-wheeled hose cart (hand), one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck, three portable chemical extinguishers, two thousand seven hundred feet canvass hose, (one hundred feet condemned past year), harnesses, extra ladders, &c.

At the last annual meeting of the town (April 1888) it was voted that the engineer sell one of the steamers if it could be done without injury to the service. We would report that no special effort has been made in that direction as a strong protest was made by citizens that they were unprotected during a temporary absence of one of the steamers in Brockton, in consequence thereof the board decided that they would rather the town would take the responsibility by direct vote upon the question of sale. While the board is of the opinion that one steamer is all that is required with the present system of water works extended through all the streets of the town, and a fire alarm system introduced, we do not wish to take the responsibility of selling one of the steamers at a sacrifice. We hope at no distant day to see all the apparatus housed under one roof, and a good working fire alarm system established in the town, with all the apparatus drawn by horses; the work could then be done with less confusion, better system and less men. We would therefore recommend that the town purchase a hose wagon the present year, for as we have a good water supply in many of the streets of the town, we believe a wagon to be very much needed. Arrangements were made to haul all the apparatus in the house of steamer No. 1 by horses in case of need.

HOUSES.

There is nothing special to report in connection with the several engine houses.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSE.

We would recommend the pay of men \$12 each, and 25 cents per hour for labor at fires; engineers of steamers \$40; firemen of steamers \$30; \$1,000 for general expenses. If the town purchase a hose wagon, we would recommend \$500 for that purpose.

We have alluded to the matter of a system of fire alarm. We still hold the opinion that something of the kind is needed, we would therefore recommend that the town appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report the cost of such a system complete, and in working order, and report at their earliest convenience to the town.

CHARLES A. WALES,	}	<i>Engineers.</i>
JOHN HANEY,		
DANIEL J. BRENNAN,		
WM. A. CROAK,		<i>Clerk.</i>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER
COMMISSIONERS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The third annual report of the Water Commissioners is herewith presented to the citizens of Randolph; also the report of the Superintendent for the year ending Feb. 28, 1889.

It is hardly necessary to speak at this time in favor of the present system of water works, for any doubts that may have heretofore existed in the public mind, as to the necessity and desirability of a supply of water, must now be effectually dispelled.

The feeling of safety at present existing in the community, in relation to the extinguishment of fires, as compared with former years, is worthy of consideration, as the increased efficiency of the fire department, owing to the existence of the water works, has in several instances during the past year been fully demonstrated.

The care and management of service and mains, the repairs of breaks, the oversight of extensions, the putting in of new services, and the collection of water rates, have been performed by the superintendent, Mr. E. J. Chadbourne, in a faithful and satisfactory manner, for both the towns of Randolph and Holbrook.

Mr. E. J. T. Dexter still holds the position of engineer. His duties have been efficiently performed, although under many disadvantages, in consequence of the pumping machinery being unfinished.

The pumping machinery built by the Holly Manufacturing Co., of Lockport, N. Y., has not yet been approved by the engineer, consequently no payments have been made on the same. The contractors have the reputation of being responsible and honorable men, and we believe that they will do all in their power to comply with the conditions of the contract, and com-

plete their work so as to be entirely satisfactory to the water commissioners and the engineer, even if it requires entire new machinery.

A settlement with John T. Langford, the contractor who did the trenching and the laying of the main pipes, has not been completed. A suit has been commenced in the Superior Court in the County of Middlesex, for a balance claimed to be due him. The water commissioners have been willing to make a settlement with him at any time, according to the terms of the contract. An auditor has been appointed by the court, before whom a hearing will soon be commenced.

The mill owners on Monatiquot River, in Braintree, have brought actions against the towns of Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook, for damages alleged to have been sustained in consequence of said towns having taken the waters of Great Pond, under authority given in Chapter 217, of the Acts of 1885. It has not yet been decided when a hearing will be had on the same.

The main pipes have been extended during the past year, from Main street through a portion of Wales avenue; also from Mount Pleasant Square through a portion of Belcher street, to the school-house in District No. 10; also through North street, nearly to Braintree town line, and from the intersection of Lafayette street with West street, to Canton town line; also through a part of Cross street from West street; also through a portion of South street.

It is intended to continue the extension the coming season, by laying pipes in such other streets and avenues as appear to be expedient and necessary, and where a fair return upon the outlay is promised.

A dwelling-house for the use of the engineer, located near the pumping station, has been erected during the past year, by the towns of Randolph and Holbrook, at a cost of \$1,914.75, including building and land.

Under Section 6, Chapter 217, of the Acts of 1885, the town is required each year to make a contribution to the sinking fund, which, with the accumulations thereof, will provide for the payment of the water bonds at maturity.

The amount already invested consists of three, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Fitchburg Railroad bonds, \$1,000 each.

Also four, 4 per cent. town of Randolph water bonds of \$1,000 each. Provision for the sinking fund, the payment of interest on the water loan, and other expenses, will be required the present year, as formerly, but less in amount.

The Board is of the opinion that an appropriation of \$7,575 will be necessary the coming year for the following purposes:—

For sinking fund	\$3,575 00
For interest on water loan	2,000 00
For hydrant and other services	2,000 00
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	\$7,575 00

\$4,000 of the bonds authorized under Chapter 138, of the Acts of 1888, have been issued and sold at a premium of \$175.00.

These bonds are made payable as follows:

\$20,000 in thirty years from May 1, 1888.

\$16,000 of said bonds remain unsold.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF WATER WORKS TO MARCH 1, 1889.

Town of Randolph (bonds)	\$4,000 00
Premium on same	175 00
Interest from Randolph National Bank	187 10
Town of Randolph (appropriation, hydrants, etc.)	2,500 00
Service pipe, account	1,661 52
Water rates to July 1, 1889	3,282 90
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	\$11,806 52

EXPENDITURES, CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT "JOINT WORKS."

Paid H. H. Pike & Son, on contract for	
pumping station	\$2,300 00
Cunningham Iron Co., balance on contract	
for stand pipes, merchandise and	
labor	673 05
M. M. Tidd, services as engineer	1,641 08
Darling & Marshall, contract, dwelling	
house	1,554 30
Gaston & Whitney, professional ser-	
vices	102 55
John V. Beal, professional ser-	
vices	310 25
N. U. Walker, professional services	7 50
White Brothers, concrete	89 00
T. L. Livermore & W. S. Greenough,	
for land	50 00
George Goodhue, labor and material	444 42
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	36 86
Fairbanks & Brown, scales	97 00
D. H. Huxford, book and printing water	
rates	25 00
M. M. Alden, labor and material	69 67
S. B. Corliss, stone and labor	62 25
W. H. Tobey, desk and chairs	42 50
Loring & Howard, supplies	44 40
F. A. Belcher, supplies	16 00
A. J. Gove, expressing and team hire	72 85
J. White Belcher, cash paid	20 20
Wales Brothers, labor and material	4 75
C. E. Higgins, labor and material	7 75
For recording deeds,	1 84
Edwin A. Taber, team work and loam	65 13

O. C. R. R., freight	2 83
Josiah Clark, team work. . . .	2 00
Barney Doonan, carting pipe . .	20 50
American Steam Gauge Co., water gauge	5 25
John Doherty, labor	78 00
Badger Brothers, labor	1 20
Dinners and coffee for fire department	8 00

	<u>\$7,866 13</u>	
One-half paid by each town	3,933,065	
	<u> </u>	\$3,933,065

EXPENDITURES, MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT,
"JOINT WORKS."

Paid E. J. Chadbourne, salary as super- intendent	\$1,200 00
E. J. Chadbourne, rent of stable, 21 months	105 00
E. J. Chadbourne, cash paid, pos- tage, &c.	16 68
E. J. T. Dexter, engineer at pump- ing station	799 98
E. J. T. Dexter, stationery	40
Melvin Chandler, assistant to en- gineer	139 50
D. B. White, coal	507 60
John F. Porter, coal	586 71
Wait, Williams & Co, tank and oil	102 70
Walworth Manufacturing Co., mer- chandise, packing, waste, &c. . .	57 21
Walter E. White, grain	118 97
Chandler & Gleason, hay, straw and expressing	94 11

Walker & Pratt Mfg. Co., furnace		
head	14	21
S. B. Woodman, labor	29	00
George Goodhue, labor	39	43
C. H. McCarter, labor and materials	50	60
W. J. Breen, painting wagon	9	00
John Doherty, labor	19	00
John Dee, labor	9	75
James Fardy, labor and materials	6	90
Charles H. Mann, labor and mate-		
rials	4	57
Charles E. Higgins, labor and mate-		
rials	5	00
Frank H. Langley, labor and mate-		
rials	7	05
Waldo Brothers, cement	7	80
D. H. Huxford, books and publish-		
ing notice, one year	16	50
Edwin M. Mann, wood	5	00
J. White Belcher, insurance	54	50
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance	30	00
John Underhay, insurance	30	00
L. J. Merrifield, typewriting	4	00
Charles Prescott & Co., supplies	5	56
F. J. Witherell, supplies	20	30
M. R. Cartwright, supplies	2	60
Boston Lead Mfg. Co., pig lead	8	55
H. N. Clark, grate	3	45
Royal T. Mann, pasturing horse	7	50
Dodge, Haley & Co., tools	8	34
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	\$4,117	47
One-half paid by each town	\$2,058	735
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		\$2,058 735

EXPENDITURES, CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT,
"RANDOLPH WORKS."

Paid Town of Holbrook, settlement of joint bills, 1887	\$ 47 56	
Gloucester Iron Works Co., for pipe	5,616 03	
George Goodhue, trenching and . laying pipe	3,423 35	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., hydrants and gates	542 96	
Builders Iron Foundry Co., spec- ial castings	58 50	
Boston Lead Co., pipe	9 10	
C. E. Higgins, painting hydrants	11 83	
L. J. Merrifield, typewriting	8 90	
O. C. R. R., freight	8 92	
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., spec- ial castings	3 26	
A. J. Gove, expressing	2 90	
	<hr/>	\$9,733 31

SERVICE PIPE.

Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fit- tings	\$219 77	
George Goodhue, lining and lay- ing pipe	1,397 44	
S. H. Cobb, lining and laying pipe	13 64	
	<hr/>	\$1,630 85

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, "RANDOLPH WORKS."

Paid J. White Belcher for services as water commissioner to April 1, 1888 and cash paid	\$250 50
Peter B. Hand, balance for services	

as water commissioner to April 1, 1888 and cash paid . . .	272 85	
Cornelius McMahon, for services as water commissioner to April 1, 1888 and cash paid . . .	271 00	
Buffords' Sons Lith. Co., blank bonds	30 00	
William H. Tobey, furniture for office	20 00	
D. H. Huxford, printing water re- ports, book &c. . . .	126 00	
George Goodhue, resetting hydrants and labor	53 21	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., repairing hydrants	6 64	
Colin Boyd, care of office . . .	10 00	
Cornelius McMahon, services as water commissioner . . .	130 00	
Greenough, Hopkins & Cushing, cash box	3 00	
M. M. Alden, labor and material	5 83	
E. J. Chadbourne, cash paid	2 10	
Edwin M. Mann, wood for office	3 00	
Franklin Porter, book . . .	1 25	
John Doherty, labor	23 00	
Chandler & Gleason, moving safe	3 50	
Michael Stanton, distributing water reports	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,213 88
Total,		18,569 84
Paid for Holbrook, on joint bills, refunded,		109 03
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Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer		\$18,678 87

J. WHITE BELCHER,
PETER B. HAND,
CORNELIUS McMAHON,
Water Commissioners of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1889.

The undersigned auditors of the town of Randolph have examined the accounts of the water commissioners, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
WM. J. LONG.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners of Randolph and Holbrook:—

Gentlemen, — I herewith present you my second annual report, ending February 28, 1889.

The past year has been a busy one in extending water mains and adding new services, and the work was continued until late in the season.

There are still demands for further extension of our system that will require your attention as soon as the season will permit the laying of pipe.

The calls for connections to the water mains have been considerable for a year of uncommon fall of rain which has kept wells and other receptacles full that ordinarily are dry during a portion of the year.

AT THE POND.

The supply of water has been of good quality and abundant in quantity, the pond having been unusually full for the entire year. The strengthening of dam and construction of waste-way that you have in contemplation so as to retain the water and relieve the pond during heavy freshets, should be commenced this coming summer, or soon as conditions are favorable. Grounds north of the pumping station bordering on the lake, and belonging to the works have been improved by cutting away the brush and worthless trees, thus giving the trees that remain, ample room to grow and improve in appearance. A better view of the pond from the street has thus been secured. The grounds about the pumping station have been kept in good order, and will become more attractive each succeeding year. The grading of the grounds and the building of a dry well for the Engineer's house was completed late in the year.

STAND PIPES.

Are in good condition, leaks that were troublesome in the early season were stopped by the builders, and the stand-pipes at this time are practically tight. The grounds remain in the same condition in which they were during the building of the stand pipes.

WATER MAINS.

We have been fortunate during the past year with our mains. The blowing out of a fourteen-inch plug from the Y located in the yard south of the pumping station, was the only considerable accident we have had. The plug was replaced without any inconvenience to the water takers. A cracked six-inch pipe on Fowler street, Randolph, and a four-inch on Cottage street, Holbrook were replaced with sound ones. We have also releaded one joint and re-calked thirty-eight that were found to be leaking.

FIRE HYDRANTS.

Late in the winter the upper section of a hydrant was broken by frost and replaced by a sound one. One hydrant was taken out on account of faulty construction, and a new one put in. In November all the hydrants were opened and examined. It was found that twelve did not waste and these were put in good order.

NEW EXTENSIONS.

The laying of water mains, the setting of hydrants, and gates and the putting in of services during the past year has been satisfactorily done by Mr. George Goodhue of Concord N. H. Names of streets in Randolph that were laid in 1888, with lengths of mains.

Belcher Street,	699 feet	.	4 inch.
Wales Avenue,	408 "	.	4 "
West Street,	1828 "	.	6 "
Silver "	1248 "	.	6 "
Cross "	1479 "	.	6 "
North "	5001 "	.	6 "
South "	1821 "	.	6 "

LOCATION OF GATES AND HYDRANTS.

	GATES.		HYDRANTS	
	6in.	4in.	6in.	4in.
Belcher Street	.	.	.	1
Wales Avenue	.	.	.	1
West Street	.	.	.	2
Silver "	.	.	.	1
Cross "	.	.	.	2
North "	.	.	.	5
South "	.	.	.	2

SERVICE PIPES IN RANDOLPH.

We have made one hundred and thirty-three taps the past year, and now supplying

299 families,
 2 halls,
 9 stores and offices,
 5 boilers for manufacturing,
 2 laundries,
 1 bank,
 2 hotels,
 1 depot,
 2 school-houses,
 3 public stables,
 16 private stables,

4 fountains and drinking troughs during a part
of the year,
4 green-houses.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT SERVICE PIPE AND WATER.

Whole amount received from service pipe to date	. \$3,424 73
For junk	1 62
For water, from April 1 to January 1, 1889	2,050 90
For water, from January 1, 1889, to July 1, 1889	1,232 00
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	\$6,709 25
Cash to H. C. Alden	\$6,704 81
Cash refunded	4 44
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	\$6,709 25

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CHADBOURNE,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR. TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT
1889.

Paid town orders		\$37,206 63
Treasury notes		14,875 00
Interest on notes		1,079 30
Interest on water bonds		4,000 00
Water Commissioners, for bonds sold		4,175 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax	\$ 6 75	
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	3,002 31	
State Treasurer, state tax	2,925 00	
State Treasurer, proportion of li- cense fees	913 00	6,847 06
M. F. Smith, \$225, James Hayes, \$350, license fees returned		575 00
Water Commissioners, amount due sinking fund		3,875 00
Expense :		
H. C. Alden, Treasurer	\$300 00	
D. H. Huxford	1 75	
Thorp & Adams Manufacturing Co.	16 37	
Stamps, stationery and express	10 50	
Election returns, Stoughton	5 00	
T. T. Cushman, returning births	3 00	
A. L. Chase, returning births	3 75	
W. M. Babbitt, returning births	25	
E. A. Allen, returning births	3 75	
E. C. Granger, returning births	8 00	
C. C. Farnham, returning births	75	
B. Houghton, returning deaths	21 25	
Town Clerk, returning births, mar- riages and deaths	60 80	
		<u>435 17</u>
*Error in T. Dolan, Tax Collector, acct., April, 1887		2,678 91
Balance T. Dolan, Tax Collector, balance, acct.	\$7,306 48	
Balance Treasurer, cash, &c.	2,530 91	
Balance,		<u>9,842 39</u>
		<u>\$85,589 46</u>

* This error occurred in the warrant of the assessors, the amount charged him, 1887, \$37,510 00
should have been 34,831 09

\$2,678 91

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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1889.

Balance		\$12,271 27
Received for treasury notes		16,375 00
for bank dividends		80 00
for interest on taxes, 1887		272 78
for dog licenses, County Treasurer		608 03
for liquor licenses		3,654 00
for auctioneer licenses, W. B. Spear		2 00
for billiard licenses, J. G. Mahony		2 00
for water bonds sold		4,000 00
for interest and premium on same		175 00
for use of lock-up, Constables		87 00
for rept of Ponkapog Pond		10 00
for additional taxes, T. Dolan, Collector, 1887		28 00
of State Treasurer, corpora- tion tax	\$3,779 45	
National Bank tax	2,843 79	
state aid	710 00	
military aid	1,483 00	
state school fund	170 70	
revenue of state school fund	345 55	
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		\$9,332 49
of City of Boston, pauper acct.		92 17
of City of Taunton, pauper acct.		100 49
of City of Quincy, pauper acct.		33 65
of Town of Braintree, pauper acct.		94 50
of Town of Duxbury, pauper acct.		14 00
of Town of Easton, pauper acct.		214 50
of Town of Holbrook, pauper account and military aid		1,468 13
of Overseers of the Poor, board, &c., Town Farm		675 63
tax bill of 1888		35,998 82
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		\$85,589 46

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

1889. March.	Dr.	
Treasury notes		\$19 600
Water bonds		104 000
Interest due on bonds and notes		2 550
Unpaid bills and due firemen		1 500
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		\$127 650

1889. March.	Cr.	
Coddington fund		
Bank stock.	\$1,600 00	
Salt marsh	500 00	
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Due from T. Dolan, tax collector, 1888		7,306 48
from Treasurer		2,535 91
from other towns.		259 00
for state aid		1,628 00
for military aid		645 00
Amount of sinking fund		7,188 62
Balance		105,986 99
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		\$127 650 00

Randolph, March 16, 1889.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town Treasurer, and find the same correctly kept with proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
WM. J. LONG.

RANDOLPH WATER WORKS *in account with* Hiram C. Alden,
Treasurer. Dr.

1888.	Balance	\$10,026 12
April	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water connections	258 37
May	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water connections	256 58
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water rates	4 50
	Received interest of Randolph National Bank April 1	31 53
	May 1	25 21
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		56 74
	Received interest of Randolph National Bank, June 1	22 85
June	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water connections	294 91
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, for water rates	144 12
July	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, for water rates	1,634 78
	Received of J. E. Chadbourne, for water connections	203 89
	Received interest of Randolph National Bank July 1,	20 91
Aug.	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water rates	147 26
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, for water connections	280 46
	Received interest of Randolph National Bank, July 1	1,822
	Aug.	1,239
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		30 61
Sept.	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.	

	water rates	25 50
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. water connections	20 97
Oct.	Received interest of Randolph National Bank Sept. 6 77	
	Oct. 3 98	
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	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water rates	63 60
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water connections	102 56
	Received of town of Randolph, for water services	2,500 00
Nov.	Received interest of Randolph National Bank	9 54
	Received of town treasurer, for bonds sold 4,000	
	Premium and interest 175	
	<hr/>	4,175 00
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water rates	9 00
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water connections	101 68
	Received of M. M. Tidd, error in bill .	8 37
Dec.	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. water rates	76 59
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne Supt. water connections	131 54
	Received of J. White Belcher for iron sold, Malden	193 31
1889.		
Jan.	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. water rates	1,126 50
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne Supt. water connections	41 32

	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. old junk sold	1 62
	Received interest of Randolph National Bank, Dec.	10 34
Feb.	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. water rates	46 00
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. water connections	26 67
	Received of Randolph National Bank, interest January	13 02
	February	12 34
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		25 36
March	Received of water commissioners over- charge on freight bill	5 52
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt. for water connections	60
	Received of water commissioners bal- ance due in settlement with town of Holbrook	109 03
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		\$22,203 47

1888	CR.	
April	Paid sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	\$2,165 30
May	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	684 09
June	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	823 89
July	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	4,382 94
Aug.	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	1,517 61
Sept.	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	2,183 88

Oct.	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	3,257 09
Nov.	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	933 01
Dec.	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	952 55
Jan. 1889	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	386 06
Feb.	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	1,305 24
March	sundry orders drawn by Water Commissioners	80 96
	Balance	3,530 85
		<hr/> \$22,203 47

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1889.

We, the undersigned auditors of the town of Randolph, have this day examined the accounts of Hiram C. Alden as treasurer of the Water Commissioners, and find the same correct, and the balance as stated above, to be on deposit in the Randolph National Bank.

G. HATHAWAY, }
WM. J. LONG, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

1888.	DR.	
Balance		\$ 186 37
April. Received of the town treasurer the amount voted at the annual meeting, Apr., '88,		3,875 00
Sept. Received for coupons on Fitchburg R.R. bonds		67 50
	Received of town treasurer for note .	3,875 00
	Received of town treasurer int. on note	87 25
Nov. Received for coupons on Randolph Water bonds		80 00
1889.		
March. Received for coupons on Fitchburg R.R. bonds		67 50
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		\$8,238 62

1888.	CR.	
April. Loan to Town of Randolph		\$3,875 00
Nov. Paid for 4,000 Randolph Water bonds, 4 per cent. coupon, premium and accu- mulated interest		4,175 00
Balance		188 62
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		\$8,238 62

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Amount to credit of the sinking fund invested as follows :—		
Three bonds of the Fitchburg R.R., \$1,000 each, 4½ per cent. coupon		\$3,000 00
Four bonds Town of Randolph (water), \$1,000 each, 4 per cent. coupon		4,000 00
Cash, Randolph Savings Bank		188 62
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		\$7,188 62

RANDOLPH, March 16, 1889.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, have examined the Sinking Fund statement of Hiram C. Alden, Treasurer, and find the same correct.

C. G. HATHAWAY, }
WM. J. LONG, } *Auditors.*

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN
1888.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 24	George Austin Knight . . .	John H. and Ellen M. (Penniman).
3	Dora Hayes . . .	John and Katie E. (Manning).
10	Ray Carleton Bump . . .	Charles E. and Lizzie (Bridges).
16	Ralph W. Abbott . . .	William A. and Alice W. (Hayward).
15	Ethel F. Holbrook . . .	Gilbert E. and Elanor D. (Hollis).
15	* Arthur Montague Hagney.	Arthur and Mary E. (Kiley).
6	Louie Viola Payne . . .	Willie H. and Jennie (Burrell).
15	Freddie Chester Burrill . . .	George P. and Susie E. (Jones).
22	Anna Augusta Mahoney . . .	Jeremiah J. and Anna A. (Sullivan).
29	—— Stetson (illegitimate)	Jos. Whitman Stetson and Ella (Stetson).
1	William F. Rudderham . . .	John E. and Frances (McLane).
Feb. 25	John Douglas Crawford . . .	John J. and Ellen Josephine (Turner).
16	Margaret D. Purcell . . .	Gerald H. and Bridget F. (Welch).
3	Gertrude Francis Dee . . .	Thomas D. and Elizabeth A. (Simmons).
6	Mary Simmons . . .	William H. and Josephine M. (Scott).
21	Margaret Gertrude Foley . . .	James E. and Maggie (Barry).
20	William Henry Lyons . . .	Emory J. and Mary E. L. (Fredericks).
19	Catharine Barry . . .	Thomas D. and Frances (Hogan).
March, 28	John Randolph Labaree . . .	John C. and Abbie D. (Cobb).
24	Lilla Maud Sloan . . .	Charles V. and Emily A. (Mann).
24	Arthur William Clark . . .	Walter S. and Anna A. (Alden).
5	Lena Baker Winship . . .	Albert A. and Susie G. (Baker).
1	Helena Leonard Jones . . .	William M. and Delia (Leonard]
8	Lena Clark . . .	B. Loxley and Lucy A. (Myers).
20	Catharine Brady . . .	Thomas and Bessie (McKenzie).
2	Ella Florence Devine . . .	Thomas Jr. and Mary J. (Dorr).
30	Walter Devine . . .	Edward and Mary (Flaherty).
April, 22	Caroline M. McHugh . . .	Daniel E. and Nellie M. (Cunningham).
30	Thomas F. Holden . . .	Michael and Alice M. (Burke).
7	Roger Bryant Willard . . .	John K. and Grace F. (Wild).
1	Catharine Esther Haney . . .	William and Maggie M. (Dwyer).
10	Ruth Reynolds . . .	Herbert and Alice (Buck).
May 23	John Cartwright Wilder . . .	Oscar K. and Grace A. (Cartwright).
14	Mary Elizabeth O'Connell . . .	Michael and Elizabeth (Strickland).
22	* —— Mahoney . . .	John T. and Elizabeth T. (Naughton).
29	* Charles E. Hayden . . .	William H. and Lizzie A. (Derry).
June, 2	Gertrude Louise Easton . . .	George E. and Margaret A. (Shepherd).
22	Edna May Hollis . . .	Martin G. and Ida M. (Cox).
22	Helen Frances Donohue . . .	Francis J. and Mary E. (Clark).
13	Charles Joseph Cahill . . .	Patrick J. and Mary S. (Hurley).
26	Percy Lawrence Eddy . . .	Eli and Ella A. (Bridges).
9	Mary Frances Doyle . . .	Charles F. and Mary Agnes (McCarty).
7	Mary Malley . . .	Crohan and Mary (Donohue).
6	Margarite Guinan . . .	Herbert H. and Nellie F. (Curran).
10	—— Hunt . . .	Aubigne A. and Alice B.

* Dead.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1887		
July, 4 th	Nora Elizabeth Purcell .	William and Margaret (Terry).
14	Clara Gertrude Perry .	Edward A. and Martha E. (Turner).
1	Herbert Alfred Pool .	Everett A. and Martha A. (Holbrook).
12	Alice Gertrude McCarty .	Jeremiah and Honora (McSweney).
24	Francis Arthur Uniac .	Robert and Bridget F. (Moran).
27	* ——— Nightingale .	Andrew C. and Albena G. (Peterson).
August, 2	Leslie Holbrook Morse .	Frank A. and Matilda R. (Hathaway).
22	Frances B. Keith .	Richard F. and Susan A. (Dench).
8	John Henry Wren .	John B. and Mary C. (Dugan).
7	Winfred H. Peirce .	Leonard and Sarah J. (Holbrook).
18	* ——— Meaney .	James H. and Lizzie J. (McKay).
29	* ——— Deane .	Patrick J. and Lizzie (Sullivan).
Sept. 25	Mary Ann Murphy .	John and Kate (Casey).
15	George Thomas Hill .	Thomas J. and Clementine P. (Piper).
27	George William Hatchfield .	William D. and Lillian P. (Carter).
26	Mary Alice Scannell .	Dennis N. and Mary Alice (Fahey).
4	Lillian Meaney .	Edward F. and Susie M. (Blythe).
10	Clifton H. White .	Hubert and Frances A. (Mansfield).
10	Chester Warren Hayden .	Hiram W. and Mary A. (French).
10	Joseph Francis Dennehy .	Daniel D. and Maggie T. (McCarty).
17	James William O'Keefe .	Bartholomew and Hannah (Ahearn).
19	Mary Kennedy .	Thomas A. and Mary J. (Gibbons).
9	William Hand .	Peter B. and Margaret F. (Rooney).
17	Sam'l Hodgkinson Swindells.	James H. and Elizabeth (Hodkinson).
Oct. 13	Leroy Carleton Piper .	Edward E. and Lizzie L. (French).
15	Eilene Agnes Dolan .	Charles S. and Katie B. (Walsh).
14	Patrick Leo Gaynor .	James F. and Mary P. (Morgan).
3	William Leo Hurley .	William W. and Katie J. (Hogan).
15	Nellie Gill .	William and Ellen (Leary).
19	Lydia F. Cross .	Reul F. and Anginette F. (Paddock).
2	Alice G. Devine .	Michael and Margaret A. (White).
2	Belva W. Stetson .	Richmond and Cora L. (Howard).
10	Harrold Grey Soule .	Otis L. and Carrie M. (Hunt).
Nov. 19	John Emile Bolin .	August and Solie (Swanson).
18	Lester Leo Payne .	George A. and Emma (Chessoman).
25	Ralph Ranney .	Ralph and Mary E. (Brady).
28	Harrold E. Allen .	Edward and Delia (O'Toole).
3	Elsie V. McCartney .	Harvey and Lottie (Roxbury).
4	Martin Donnegan .	David and Alice E. (O'Brien).
3	——— Dyer .	Arthur M. and Alice (Polloy).
Dec. 23	Nellie Francis McAuliffe .	Robert T. and Maggie T. (McGaughey).
16	Charles Henry Jones .	Soriano and Mary E. (Orcutt).
22	Clifton Orison Stetson .	Willie M. and Grace E. (Hobart).
21	George Heney .	Charles and Mary Ann (Welch).
16	Peter Rooney .	John T. and Margaret A. (Riley).
29	Thomas Mullins .	Timothy H. and Katie T. (Foley).
5	* ——— Hogan (twin).	William J. and Hellen (Allard).
5	* ——— Hogan (twin).	William J. and Hellen (Allard).
1887		
Dec. 29	Henry Whal .	John and Minnie (Bookwood).

* Dead.

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN 1888.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan. 15	George F. Hutchings . . .	Quincy	22
	Mary H. Jackman	"	21
30	Charles V. Shaw	Randolph	32
	Emily A. Mann	"	22
Feb. 13	Patrick J. Payton	Brockton	22
	Ellen Mullins	Randolph	20
7	James Edward Maginnis . .	Braintree	26
	Helena M. Keith	Randolph	23
16	George W. May	Canton	35
	Helen A. Palmor	"	37
April 19	Patrick J. Maguire	Lexington	29
	Margaret Keirnau	Randolph	30
May 16	George W. Bump	"	26
	Eunice Belcher	Holbrook	23
30	Edward Long	Randolph	32
	Anna E. Prior	"	25
24	Daniel Shaughnessey . . .	Brockton	23
	Mary E. Kelly	Randolph	24
June 25	Fred M. French	"	26
	Minnie F. Smith	Canton	22
28	Judson W. Green	Brockton	26
	Ida L. Lovering	"	
July 3	Thomas Whitty, Jr.	Randolph	29
	Nellie A. Kiley	"	26
18	Robert McLennan	"	45
	Jessie McLeod	Boston	40
Sept. 18	James A. Brennan	Randolph	24
	Jennie C. O'Brien	"	23
18	Arthur B. Mann	Central Falls, R. I. . . .	24
	Carrie L. Wilkins	Randolph	26
22	John DeCosta	"	23
	Esther Jones	Braintree	19
26	Walter A. Howard	Randolph	32
	Elizabeth E. Kelly	Brooklyn	31
Oct. 14	Ruel F. Cross	Randolph	29
	Anginette F. Paddock . .	"	29
16	Dennis E. Kelliher	Holbrook	33
	Anna A. Dean (Morgan) . .	Randolph	31
25	Marcus Morton Copeland, Jr.	Windham	26
	Unna Carleton Alden . . .	Randolph	19
Nov. 22	William White	"	27
	Catharine Smith	Stoughton	22
Dec. 14	Daniel F. Baxter	Brockton	54
	Olive Ann Howard	Randolph	48
25	Henry L. Mudgett	"	24
	Minnie B. Shields	Malden	22
31	John A. Sullivan	Randolph	23
	Rachael J. Sweney	"	20

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN 1888.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 6	Rev. Thomas O'Brien	45			Pneumonia.
10	Hiram Hunt	79	1	7	Diabetes.
13	Emily Woodman (Mann).	78	5	8	Consumption.
13	Michael Carey	14	7	15	Diabetes Mellitus
18	Eliza S. Beal (Stevens)	68			Cancer.
16	Arthur M. Hagney			1	Cyonosis.
21	Thomas Stevens	81	10	15	Pulmonary Odema
21	Mary A. Forrest (Barry)	70			Chronic Mania.
22	Michael Sheridan	66	11	17	Pneumonia.
31	Irene Thayer (Thayer)	83	4	15	Old Age.
Feb. 2	Gerty Crosby	5		22	Scarlet Fever.
7	Charles E. Young	1	2	26	Gastro Enteritis.
12	Zo Ella Stetson	18	3	8	Childbed.
13	George A. Baker	63	7	25	Pneumonia Shock.
23	Wesley C. Fowler	6	3	28	Diphtheria.
28	Lillias Green (Trainor)	30	6	4	Phthisis.
March 2	John T. Cartwright	46	10	12	Apoplexy.
9	Harvey N. Marble		2	9	Inanition.
17	Mary T. Beal (Thayer)	80		25	Pneumonia.
19	Sarah J. Poppy (Jenkins)	81	5	24	Consumption.
19	Frank H. Mann	46	1	17	Cirrhosis Liver.
24	Catherine Dowd	73			Pneumonia.
April 7	John F. Sullivan	29	7	1	Peritonitis.
8	John Larned Day French		10	12	Marasmus.
15	Abbie L. French (Nichols)	42	7	13	Found dead in bed.
16	Mary Kiley (Curran)	64			Phthisis Pulmonalis.
9	Eliza F. Blair	41	6	5	Cancer
May 4	Michael Kinnier	72			Cancer.
5	Sarah A. Britton	70	2	13	Pneumonia.
5	Hannah Fitzgerald	67			Chronic Dysentery.
6	Lena B. Poole	2	6	9	Typhoid Fever.
17	Mary J. Dennett	33	2	6	Consumption.
25	Mary J. Hollis (Thayer)	79		13	Apoplexy.
30	William F. Fullerton	50	5		Laryngal Phthisis.
June 4	Cordelia Linfield	26	11	10	Phthisis.
8	Lois H. Dollof (Linfield)	38	8	22	Heart Disease.
14	Deborah D. Fogg (Hayden)	34	1	7	Consumption.
17	George B. Belcher	62	1	7	Endocarditis.
21	Chloe Linfield (Briggs)	86	4	19	Diarrhoea.
28	James H. Meany	45	6	3	Consumption.
29	Mary Jane Allen (Thayer)	58	2	26	Intestinal Obstruction.
29	Eliza Mann Pratt	82	9	18	Chronic Abscess.
July 1	Oscar P. Woodman	17		11	Epilepsy.
13	Charlotte T. Wentworth (Jones)	74	9	20	Shock Paralysis.
13	Sarah W. French (Stetson)	84	10	28	Old Age.
22	Michael P. Dunphy	42	9		Phthisis Pulmonalis.
27	Albina G. Nightingale (Peterson)	37		6	Pyæmia Childbirth.
27	— Nightingale				Stillborn.
Aug. 6	Ann M. Thayer (Niles)	57			Chronic Diarrhoea.
10	Luther W. Mann	59	11	8	Cirrhosis of Liver.
12	Eliza Kelly (King)	68			Cerebral Apoplexy.
18	— Meany				Stillborn.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Aug. 19	Isaac Peirce	82	7	6	Old Age. Dysentery.
21	Alice O. Conners	1	1		Cholera Infantum.
24	James Fitzgerald	72			Inflammation Bowels.
24	William O'Brien	1	1	26	Cerebral Meningitis.
29	———Deane				Stillborn.
31	Bridget Gallagher (Lee)	70			Senile Insanity.
Sept. 1	Susie C. Schraut		11	14	Cholera Infantum.
2	Lizzie Deane (Sullivan)	27	3	17	Albuminira.
2	William F. McGaughey	36	1	21	Typhoid Fever.
2	Atkins C. Kimball	65	4	23	Malignant Tumor.
4	Charles E. Hayden		3	6	Cholera Infantum.
8	Mary J. Sullivan	2	20	24	Tubercular Meningitis.
9	Lurana Beal (Warren)	90	5	23	Old Age.
21	Polly Eddy (Smith)	74	3	25	Congestion Lungs.
23	David D. Barry	26	7	10	Chron. Glandular Abscess
27	Calvin Sanford	71	6	10	Melancholia.
Oct. 11	Cornelius F. Foley	28	2	5	Phthisis.
12	Katie M. Walsh	27	7	12	Consumption.
22	Hannah Clark (Towsend)	79	6	14	Cancer.
25	Bridget Hoye		78		Pneumonia.
27	John C. Boyle	45	4	10	Hepatitis.
Nov. 5	Mary McGrane (Casey)	92			Old Age.
11	Sarah A. Spear (Goff)	78	11	12	Heart Disease.
20	Patrick Clark	63			Inflammation Bowels.
26	Richard Stevens	80	2	16	Pneumonia.
Dec. 1	Martha A. Noyes (Thayer)	63	10	24	Cirrhosis Stomach.
5	———Hogan (Twin)				Stillborn.
5	———Hogan (Twin)				Stillborn.
5	Bernard Quinn	78	9		Old Age.
9	Nellie T. McAuliffe	8	3	15	Diphtheria Sequela.

DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Cyanosis, Chronic Mania, Melancholia, Childbed, Tubercular Meningitis, Malignant Tumor, Senile Insanity, Scarlet Fever, Cerebral Insanity, Gastro Enteritis, Inanition, Peritonitis, Marasmus, Pyæmia, Hepatitis, Congestion of Lungs, Albuminira, Found dead in bed, Cerebral Meningitis, Chronic Dysentery, Endocarditis, Internal Obstruction, Epilepsy, Cirrhosis of Stomach, Paralysis,— 1 each.

Diabetis, Diphtheria, Apoplexy, Inflammation of Bowels, Cirrhosis of Liver, Heart Disease, Diarrhoea, Chronic Abscess, Typhoid Fever,— 2 each.

Cholera Infantum,— 3 each.

Cancer,— 4 each.

Stillborn, Phthisis,— 5 each.

Old Age, Consumption,— 6 each.

Pneumonia,— 9 each.

Under 5 years of age	14
Between 5 and 10	3
“ 10 and 20	3
“ 20 and 30	6
“ 30 and 40	7

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said
County,* GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the first day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting. Also one trustee for "Stetson School Fund" for three years and one water commissioner for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question Shall License be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ATT. 7. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of engine men and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen and posted according to law.

ART. 10. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers graves, under direction of Capt. Horace Niles, Post No. 110, G. A. R.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take relative to Medical attendance on the Poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of interest on the Randolph Water Loan.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise and contribute to the sinking fund as required under Sect. 8, Chap. 217, of the acts of 1885, to meet the payment of the Randolph Water Loan when due.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for water for hydrants, street service, public buildings and drinking fountains.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept the locating and laying out of a new street from Warren street to Stoughton street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate money to build the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will widen and straighten Fowler street, and build a sidewalk on the westerly side of the same as petitioned for by William Brennan and others, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on South street, from the residence of Cornelius McMahon to the residence of Thomas Powderly as petitioned for by John McGuckin and others, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make specific repairs on the private way running westerly from North Main street to its terminus near the residence of Stillman B. Woodman as petitioned for by Franklin Hayden and others and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will widen and straighten Lafayette street and build a sidewalk thereon and raise and appropriate money for the same as petitioned for by Charles McCarty and others.

ART. 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to build Allen Street Extension as laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town at the last annual meeting.

ART. 21. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the Selectmen to be the agents and attorneys for the town to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be, in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise for the ensuing year except so far as the same relates in any manner to the water supply.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the water Commissioners to be Agents and Attorneys for the town to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as party or otherwise, so far as the same relates in any manner to the taking of the waters of Great Pond, or in the construction of Water Works, either jointly or separately as authorized under Chap. 217, of the Acts of 1885, and to employ Counsel if necessary.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for special improvements to be expended when the Business and Improvement Society expend an equal amount.

ART. 25. To see what action the town will take in regard to the introduction of water into the Almshouse.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in relation to making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library, as recommended by the trustees.

ART. 27. To see what action the town will take in providing Electric Lights for the Public Streets and otherwise and make appropriations therefor.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to establish a permanent grade on all streets before permitting rails to be laid for a Street Railway.

ART. 29. To see what action the town will take in relation to the suit pending of Henry F. Rooney against the town.

ART. 30. To see what regulations the town will make under Sect. 1, of Chap. 78, of the Acts of the year 1889, concerning the taking of Alewives, Shad and Smelts in the Blue Hill River and the Noraway River and its branches and all the streams flowing into Great Pond and into Monatiquot River within the limits of the Town of Randolph or concerning the disposal of the privilege of taking the same for its own use and benefit.

ART. 31. To choose in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 2, Chap. 78, of the Acts of the year 1889, three discreet persons by ballot, whose duty it shall be to inspect the Blue Hill River and the Noraway River and its branches and all the streams flowing into the Great Pond and into Monatiquot River within the limits of the Town of Randolph to cause the regulations respecting the fishing and fish culture in said streams to be carried into effect and to prosecute all violations thereof.

ART. 32. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 33. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of laborers employed by the town.

ART. 34. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use the same means which a Town Treasurer may use when acting as Collector.

ART. 35. To see if the town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per

annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1889.

ART. 36. To hear and act on the report of any Committee, and to choose any Committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not but make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time and hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Randolph this twentieth day of March, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

PETER B. HAND,
JOHN B. THAYER,
MICHAEL J. DALY,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN P. ROONEY,

Constable of Randolph.



FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,

Overseers of the Poor, Superintending School Committee,
Engineers of the Fire Department,
and Treasurer,

OF THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH



TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STETSON SCHOOL
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Town Officers for the Year 1889-90.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

PETER B. HAND, JOHN B. THAYER, MICHAEL J. DALY.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

JOHN B. WREN,	Term expires 1890.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN,	" " 1891.
THOMAS DOLAN,	" " 1892.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

WILLIAM F. BARRETT,	Term expires 1890.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN,	" " 1891.
JOHN B. WREN,	" " 1892.

Water Commissioners.

CORNELIUS McMAHON,	Term expires 1890.
PETER B. HAND,	" " 1891.
J. WHITE BELCHER,	" " 1892.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY, WILLIAM J. LONG,
THOMAS A. KENNEDY.

Constables.

FRANK J. DONAHOE,	E. FORREST KNIGHT,
JOHN P. ROONEY,	MICHAEL STANTON,
GEORGE A. POOLE,	LINCOLN STETSON,
THOMAS FARRELL.	

Tax Collector.

THOMAS DOLAN.

Fence Viewers.

DANIEL LEAHY, LEVI WILBUR.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD, JAMES FARDY, HERBERT W. PRATT,
HIRAM C. ALDEN.

Engineers of Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, Chief.	WILLIAM A. CROAK, Clerk.
JOHN HANEY,	DANIEL J. BRENNAN,
CORNELIUS DESMOND.	

Inspectors of Elections.

GEORGE C. SPEAR, JOSEPH J. McMAHON.

Deputy Inspectors of Elections.

AUGUSTUS L. CHASE, DAVID P. McGAUGHEY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

GEORGE R. WEAVER.

Keeper of Lockup.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

HENRY W. BRITTON, of Stoughton. ROBERT S. GRAY, of Walpole.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Randolph herewith submit to the citizens of the Town their Annual Report of the expenditures in the several departments for the financial year ending Feb. 28, 1890.

APPROPRIATIONS,

As voted by the Town; also, County and State Tax.

For schools,	\$8,780 00
Stetson High School,	2,000 00
Repairs of highways,	4,200 00
General town expensos,	12,600 00
Fire department,	1,700 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Medical attendance on the poor,	350 00
Interest on Randolph water loan,	2,000 00
Contribution to sinking fund,	3,575 00
New hose wagon,	500 00
Water service,	2,000 00
Sidewalk, Fowler Street,	200 00
Sidewalk, South Street,	300 00
Wales Avenue,	150 00
Public improvements,	500 00
Turner Free Dibrary,	600 00
Water supply for Almshouse,	250 00
Special police,	500 00
County tax,	1,507 28
State tax,	2,380 00
Total,	<hr/> \$44,192 28

Taxable Valuation, May 1, 1889.

Real estate,	\$1,504,750 00
Personal estate,	528,310 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,033,060 00</u>

Rate of taxation May 1, 1889, \$17.60 on \$1000.

Population, Census of 1885,	3,885
Number of polls May 1, 1889,	1,529
Horses, May 1, 1889,	342
Cows, May 1, 1889,	226
Acres of land taxed May 1, 1889,	5,729
Dwellings taxed May 1, 1889,	809

Estimated Value of Property owned by the Town February 28, 1890.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$12,000 00
Town House and land,	18,000 00
Two steam fire-engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
Three fire-engines, houses, and lock-up,	4,200 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	800 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	500 00
Twenty acres land Upham lot,	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6,	1,600 00
Prescot school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares Randolph National Bank stock,	1,440 00
Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value,	1,500 00

Turner Free Library, building and land, . . .	40,000 00
Turner Free Library fund,	5,000 00
Turner fund,	10,000 00
Turner Tree Library,	5,000 00
Water works,	118,000 00

Expenditures.

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer amounting to \$53,096.63.

On account of schools,	\$10,310 31
Stetson High School,	2,000 00
Highways,	3,595 86
Removing snow,	27 00
Paving,	485 69
Town officers,	2,310 72
State aid, Chap. 301,	1,654 00
Military aid, Chap. 279,	1,361 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Abatement of taxes,	348 24
Funeral expenses,	238 25
Fire department,	2,545 18
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,939 69
Poor in Almshouse,	5,003 99
Poor out of Almshouse,	4,408 61
Poor of Randolph and Holbrook,	1,675 55
Poor of other towns,	926 22
State paupers and tramps,	215 40
Water hydrant service,	2,000 00
Turner Free Library,	824 24
Suit of Henry F. Rooney vs. Town of Randolph,	350 00
Public improvements,	500 00
Wales Avenue,	154 95

Water supply for Almshouse,	370 24
Sidewalk, South Street,	280 94
Sidewalk, Fowler Street,	156 93
Fire inquests,	293 64
Special police,	167 50
Allen Street extension,	2,862 01
Central Avenue,	5,890 67

\$53,096 63

Recapitulation.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
For schools,	\$8,780 00 }	\$10,310 31
Income from other sources,	1,207 48 }	
Stetson High School,	2,000 00	2,000 00
For poor out of Almshouse,	4,000 00	4,408 61
Poor in Almshouse,	2,000 00	*5,003 99
State paupers,		215 40
Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook,	1,000 00	1,675 55
Poor of other towns,		926 22
Repairs of highways,	4,200 00	4,108 55
Town officers,	2,000 00	2,310 72
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,000 00	1,939 69
Fire department,	2,150 00	2,545 18
State aid,		1,654 00
Military aid — $\frac{1}{2}$ from state,	600 00	1,361 00
Water hydrant service,	2,000 00	2,000 00
Public improvements,	500 00	500 00
Water supply for Almshouse,	250 00	370 24
Sidewalk, South Street,	300 00	280 94
Sidewalk, Fowler Street,	200 00	156 73
Decoration of soldiers graves,	100 00	100 00

Wales Avenue, special repairs,	150 00	154 95.
Extension of Allen Street. .	2,500 00	2,862 01
New Street,	6,000 00	5,890 67
Turner Free Library . .	600 00	824 24
Special police,	500 00	167 50
Abatement of taxes, . .		348 24
Fire inquests,		293 64
Henry F. Rooney vs. Town of Randolph,		350 00
Funeral expenses, . . .		338 25

*Net expense of poor in Almshouse, \$2249.64.

HIGHWAYS.

The Legislature of 1889 passed an act abolishing the old system of Highway Surveyors, and placed the highways in charge of a Superintendent of Streets, to be appointed annually by the Selectmen; and in accordance with that act, the Selectmen, on April 11, appointed George R. Weaver Superintendent of Streets, and he entered on his duties at once. The new system is a great improvement over the old, as all the work is under the charge of one man, and better results can be obtained with a smaller expenditure of money. The following is the

Reprt of the Superintendent.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I submit my report as Superintendent of Streets. It was with some degree of hesitation that I accepted the office; but when I assumed it, I had but one object in view, viz. to thoroughly perform all my duties and faithfully carry out your instructions; and if any mistakes were made, they were not intentional. Every road except Pond Street was scraped,

and the gutters cleaned out, and very many large stones removed from the road beds. A large amount of material was put on the roads. A sidewalk on South, and one on Fowler Street was made, and Wales Avenue was built. The extension of Allen Street was completed; but, owing to so much labor in blasting and removing unexpected boulders, the appropriation was not large enough to properly gravel it. A portion of North, South Main, Howard, and Warren Streets gutters were paved, making a decided improvement. Very many of the streets need paved gutters, and no money is so satisfactorily expended as in paving. South Main Street needs much gravel, as also many of the other streets. Our roads compare favorably with the surrounding towns; but there is a chance for much improvement. The season has been favorable for washouts, and much labor has been required for repairs. As the gravel is scarce and of a poor quality, the Town should purchase a portable stone crusher, and, with crushed stone for road material, our roads would show a marked improvement. When I took charge, we had but one horse, whose years of labor for the town entitled him to easy service. Two large and valuable draught horses have been purchased, and one cart. With our teams a large share of the team-labor can be done. My thanks are due to you for the hearty and cheerful co-operation in making my duties pleasant and agreeable.

GEORGE R. WEAVER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Repairs of Highways.

Paid Lynch estate, gravel,	\$75 66
William White, labor,	1 00
William Mahady and team,	54 06
Patrick McMahon, labor,	1 00

Paid Matthew Graham, labor,	\$103 30
Thomas Duff, labor,	154 00
Patrick Bohan, labor,	146 20
John O'Keefe, labor,	41 22
David Ahearn, labor,	77 80
William C. Barry, labor,	102 30
Thomas Whalin, labor,	184 20
Town teams, labor,	301 43
Thomas Moran and team,	25 38
Robert McAuliff and team,	112 49
Cornelius Ahearn, labor,	99 80
James Riley and team,	186 45
Andrew Nightingale, labor,	37 50
Benj. Lyons, labor,	55 00
John McGrane, labor,	72 80
Michael Lagin, labor,	78 00
M. F. Smith and team,	72 50
Patrick Barry, labor,	69 00
Royal T. King, labor,	35 00
George R. Weaver, labor,	190 70
John Desmond, labor,	58 00
John Lyons, labor,	37 95
James Lyons, labor,	38 50
Soriana Jones, labor,	17 00
James Fardy, labor,	4 58
Use of scraper,	9 30
John Sheehan, labor,	31 00
Michael Crowley, dynamite,	3 00
George R. Weaver, salary, sup't streets,	25 00
George R. Weaver, gravel,	30 59
Dennis Sullivan, labor,	26 00
J. Clark and team,	22 50
D. Kiley and team,	15 00
Patrick Crosby, labor,	19 00
Peter McConerty, labor,	11 40
William Devine, labor,	7 50

Paid James Devine, labor,	\$7 50
Joseph Donovan, labor,	97 30
James Keenan and team,	65 12
John Crosby, labor,	40
A. F. Jones, labor,	8 75
Michael Crowley, labor,	75 60
William A. Doyle, labor,	10 70
Thomas Donahoe, labor,	19 00
John Meaney and team,	11 50
Owen D. Cox, labor,	16 50
Michael Ford, gravel,	5 25
G. H. Sampson, labor,	4 20
H. M. White and Co.,	15 90
Ansel Mann, labor,	2 00
John Johnson, labor,	30 20
C. H. Mann and team,	41 79
Rufus Jones, labor,	4 00
F. H. Langley, labor,	15 61
Oliver Bowman, labor,	6 00
Charles Allen, labor,	51 80
David Lane, labor,	29 80
Emory Lyons,	22 00
Thomas Good and team,	22 50
G. B. Dench and team,	1 87
A. J. Towns and team,	2 75
A. F. Jones, gravel,	8 40
Paid George A. Cook, labor,	16 00
M. M. Alden, labor,	1 88
A. Prescott estate, gravel,	30 14
H. B. Alden estate, gravel,	2 14
Seth Mann 2d, gravel,	22 61
Richard Adams, gravel,	68
John Foley, labor,	14 00
P. J. Sheehan, labor,	3 00
Martin P. Pike, labor,	1 50
C. A. Wales, labor,	20 88

Paid Thomas Buckley, labor,	\$13 50
Patrick Welch, labor,	16 00
Frederick Miller, labor,	11 00
Lincoln Stetson and team,	45 00
Cyrus Eddy, labor,	5 00
Albert Alden, labor,	4 00
James Barry, labor,	4 00
James Blake, labor,	4 00
Thomas Johnson, labor,	17 40
M. Seanlon and team,	7 50
Stillman Orcutt, labor,	16 00
Weston Mann, labor,	16 00
L. Mann, labor,	16 00
Charles Eddy, labor,	17 00
Newton Clark, labor,	17 00
Henry Wentworth, labor,	15 00
John Devine, labor,	10 00
Martin L. Eddy,	6 00
Doonan Barney, stone,	5 78
Rufus J. Jones, labor,	27 80
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	\$3,595 86

Paving.

Paid for town team,	\$59 50
Michael Lagin, labor,	40 00
Thomas Duff, labor,	40 00
Charles Allen, labor,	26 00
John B. McGrane, labor,	10 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor,	15 70
John O'Keefe, labor,	4 00
Frederick Miller, labor,	3 60
John Sheehan, labor,	36 00

Paid Michael Crowley, labor,	\$17 70
Robert McAuliffe, labor,	7 08
George B. Dench and team,	18 88
David Ahearn, labor,	3 09
Thomas Whalin, labor,	21 00
Emory Lyons, labor,	2 04
Patrick Bohan, labor,	5 00
David Lane, labor,	21 00
H. Gore and Co., labor,	129 45
Seth Mann, 2d, sand,	7 80
Richard Adams, sand,	2 70
Charles A. Wales, sand,	6 29
James Gogan, paving stone,	1 75
John Sullivan, paving stone,	2 10
H. B. Libby, labor and material,	4 23
William C. Barry, labor,	1 00
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	\$485 60

Removing Snow.

Paid Thomas Moran and others,	\$7 90
Francis E. Stetson, labor,	1 50
Thomas Whalin, labor,	3 00
Charles Allen, labor,	1 50
Town team, labor,	4 50
James Keenan, labor,	8 60
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	\$27 00

Wales Avenue.

Paid George R. Weaver, labor,	\$9 00
Town Team,	14 70

Paid James Riley and team, labor,	\$16 88
Robert McAuliffe, labor,	9 37
John B. McGrane, labor,	9 00
Michael Crowley, labor,	9 00
Natthew Graham, labor,	8 00
Patrick Bohan, labor,	7 50
Benj. W. Lyons, labor,	6 00
David Ahearn, labor,	6 00
Thomas Duff, labor,	6 00
Cornelius Ahearn, labor,	6 00
John Lyons, labor,	6 00
P. McConerty, labor,	6 00
Thomas Whalen, labor,	9 20
Joseph Donovan, labor,	6 00
Thomas Donohoe, labor,	6 00
Michael Lagin, labor,	5 00
William A. Doyle, labor,	1 80
Daniel Kiley, labor,	7 50
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	\$154 95

South Street Sidewalk.

Paid George R. Weaver, labor,	\$15 90
William A. Doyle, labor,	13 00
S. McCannon, labor,	3 50
Town team, labor,	27 77
Matthew Graham, labor,	16 50
Patrick Bohan, labor,	11 00
Thomas Duff, labor,	10 50
Michael Crowly, labor,	15 50
Cornelius Ahearn, labor,	14 50
David Ahearn, labor,	14 50
Thomas Whalin, labor,	18 50
James Riley, man and team,	20 62

Paid John Desmond, labor,	\$13 00
Michael Lagin, labor,	11 50
John Sheehan, labor,	10 00
Joseph Donovan, labor,	4 00
James Lyons, labor,	6 00
For use of scraper,	1 00
John B. McGrane, labor,	15 50
William Mahady and team,	3 75
John V. Beal, 95 loads of gravel,	6 65
Sally and Annie Wales, land damage,	20 00
For blasting,	2 50
S. B. Corliss, stone,	5 25
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	\$280 94

Fowler Street Sidewalk.

Paid George R. Weaver, labor,	\$9 00
William A. Doyle,	6 00
Town team, labor,	14 88
Matthew Graham, labor,	10 00
John B. McGrane, labor,	10 00
Patrick Bohan, labor,	9 00
Michael Lagin, labor,	10 00
Joseph Donovan, labor,	10 00
David Ahearn, labor,	8 00
Cornelius Ahearn, labor,	8 00
John Desmond, labor,	3 00
James Riley and team, labor,	2 75
Thomas Whalen, labor,	12 00
Thomas Duff, labor,	14 00
Florence Sullivan, labor,	4 00
Estate of Daniel Kelleher, 160 loads filling,	9 60
For blasting,	3 50
Michael Crowley, labor,	9 00

Paid John Sheean, labor,	\$2 00
Dennis Sullivan, labor,	2 00
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	\$156 73

Allen Street Extension.

Paid George R. Weaver, labor,	\$134 40
William A. Doyle, labor,	102 60
Town teams, labor,	278 74
John B. McGrane, labor,	111 40
Thomas Whalen, labor,	128 20
Michael Lagin, labor,	114 40
Joseph Donovan, labor,	95 40
Patrick Bohan,	103 40
Matthew Graham, labor,	82 34
David Ahearn, labor,	40 80
Michael Crowley, labor,	100 80
Thomas Johnson,	29 20
Thomas Duff, labor,	96 40
James Lyons, labor,	66 40
John Desmond, labor,	11 20
William C. Barry, labor,	100 40
Charles Allen, labor,	103 80
George W. Pierce, posts,	9 05
Patrick Barry, labor,	10 00
John Sheehan, labor,	58 20
David Lane, labor,	80 20
M. M. Tidd, surveying,	25 00
Howard House,	1 50
John Crosby, labor,	36 40
G. H. Sampson,	19 10
Charles Jones, labor,	12 00
Daniel Kiley, labor,	38 50
Martin P. Pike,	22 87

Paid Cornelius Ahearn, labor,	\$40 90
William Mahady and team, labor,	52 50
Charles Cole and team, labor,	31 87
Emory Lyons, labor,	36 00
Thomas Donohoe, labor,	28 00
Manus Gallagher, labor,	21 00
Old Colony Rail Road Corporation, land damage,	100 00
S. B. Woodman, use of derrick,	9 75
H. M. White, and Co.	6 58
John Wales, and Co., wire for fence,	33 00
Heirs of Joel Holbrook, land damage,	91 75
Frank H. Langly, labor,	21 33
Benjamin Johnson, lumber,	44 02
M. M. Alden, labor and material,	18 24
Columbus Holbrook,, gravel,	4 90
C. F. Parker, plan,	10 00
Heirs of Charles Holbrook, land damage,	275 00
Edwin Mann, posts,	10 00
C. A. Wales,	5 27
Leonard Pierce, labor,	1 00
R. I. Jones, labor,	7 29
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	\$2862 01

New Street.

This street from Warren Street to Stoughton Street is one mile and forty feet in length with a uniform width of sixty feet (forty feet for roadway, and sidewalk on each side, eight feet wide). The contract for the construction of the street was awarded to Barney Doonan of Holbrook, who was the lowest bidder. Work upon the construction of the street commenced Aug. 1, 1889, and by the terms of the contract, was to be completed Dec. 1, 1889, but owing to the unfavorable weather, the time when the street was to have been

completed was extended to Feb. 20 1890, when the street was accepted by the Selectmen and a final settlement made with the contractor. A fence is in process of construction, wherever required by the abutters, which when completed, will extend nearly the entire length of the street, on both sides. The Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen negotiated a loan for six thousand dollars for the construction of the street, which, with the premium upon the same, amounting to one hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents, made six thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-seven cents, applicable for the construction of the street. The following are the expenditures on account of the construction of the street.

Paid M. M. Tidd, services surveying,	\$125 00
Advertising proposals,	6 14
Ross and Cox, type-writing,	5 45
Barney Doonan, construction of street as	
per contract,	4240 00
Matthew Graham, posts,	111 00
Matthew Graham, setting posts,	104 40
B. Johnson, lumber,	110 18
John Wales and Co., fence wire,	71 34
Daly Brothers, building fence,	50 00
Daly Brothers, hauling posts,	1 75
Howard House, dinners for surveyor,	3 00
O. C. R. R., freight,	1 50
C. A. Wales, drain pipe and labor,	31 85
Cornelius Ahearn, setting posts,	12 60
David Ahearn, setting posts,	4 20
Manus Gallagher, setting posts,	2 00
Thomas Whalen, labor,	30 37
Town team, labor,	10 49
Thomas Duff, labor,	19 25
R. I. Jones, labor,	11 00

M. Crowley, labor,	4 40
John McGrane, labor, -	4 00
Wales Bros., stakes,	3 00
John V. Beal, professional services,	15 00
O. C. R. R. Co., land damage,	225 00
Heirs of David Burrell, land damage,	30 00
Elisha Mann, Jr., land damage,	25 00
Heirs of Elizabeth Wales, land damage,	90 00
R. W. Turner, land damage,	167 75
R. W. and heirs of Seth Turner, land damage,	100 00
E. J. T. Crawford, land damages,	100 00
Wales Brothers, land damages,	25 00
Wilbur F. Martin, land damage,	40 00
William Porter, land damage,	100 00
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	\$5890 63

The following awards of damage for land taken for the construction of the street remain unpaid :

Ellen T. Proctor,	\$5 00
John Wales,	150 00
Heirs of Richard Stevens,	75 00
Simon B. Corliss,	25 00
Sally and Annie Wales,	50 00
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	305 00
Estimated cost for completing fence,	\$170 00
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	\$475 00

TOWN OFFICERS.**Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.**

Paid Peter B. Hand,	\$400 00
John B. Thayer,	. . . . .	400 00
Michael J. Daly,	. . . . .	400 00

School Committee.

Paid John B. Wren,	. . . . .	\$100 00
Thaddeus T. Cushman,	. . . . .	125 00
Thomas Dolan,	. . . . .	100 00

Registrars of Voters.

Paid John T. Flood,	. . . . .	\$50 00
James Fardy,	. . . . .	50 00
George H. Wilkins,	. . . . .	50 00
Hiram C. Alden,	. . . . .	75 00

Collecting Taxes.

Paid Thomas Dolan, taxes of 1888,	. . . . .	\$178 47
Thomas Dolan, taxes of 1889,	. . . . .	250 00
Engineers of Fire Department, for services to May 1, 1889,	. . . . .	117 25
Town Auditors for the year ending March 1, 1889,	. . . . .	15 00
Total	. . . . .	<hr/>\$2310 72

Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.

Paid Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, G. A. R.	\$100 00
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State Aid. (Chapter 301.)

Paid sundry persons (as per account state),	\$1654 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1654 00

Military Aid. Chapter 279.

Paid sundry persons (as per account state)	. \$1361 00
One half paid by the state,	. . 680 50
Paid by Holbrook,	. . . 138 83
Paid by Randolph,	. . . 541 67
Total,	. . . . \$1361 00

Abatement of Taxes.

Paid Thomas Dolan for the year 1888,	. . \$348 24
Total,	. . . . \$348 24

Funeral Expenses.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 96 funerals,	. \$336 00
Notifying Medical Examiner,	. . 2 25
Total,	. . . . \$338 25

Turner Free Library.

Paid Appropriation,	. . . . \$600 00
Insurance,	. . . . 205 59
For Repairs,	. . . . 18 65
Total,	. . . . \$824 24

Suit of Henry F. Rooney vs. Town of Randolph.

Paid in settlement of suit,	. . . . \$350 00
Total,	. . . . \$350 00

Public Improvements.

Paid appropriations as per vote of Town,	. . \$500 00
Total,	. . . . \$500 00

Fire Inquests.

Paid E. Granville Pratt, Judge,	\$58 80
Jurors, (J. Peach factory fire inquest)	75 84
Thomas Farrell, constable fees,	46 95
Services of expert,	10 00
Witness fees,	35 80
Patrick H. McLaughlin and H. H. Guinan, Appraisal,	20 00
A. E. Sproul, Clerk,	16 00
Howard House,	7 50
W. M. Marden, Clerk,	12 00
S. M. Clark, watchman in Hawes building,	10 75
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Total,	\$293 64

Fire Department.

Paid sundry bills (for items see Engineers' report),	\$2545 18
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Total,	\$2545 18

Schools.

Paid sundry bills (see report of School Com- mittee),	\$10310 00
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Total,	\$10310 00

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Fred A. Spear, printing 1300 town reports,	\$239 98
Fred A. Spear, printing warrant, notices, record book, etc.,	107 20
M. R. Warren, stationery,	9 50
D. H. Huxford, printing registrar's notices, advertising 1888-9,	79 75

Paid John P. Rooney, posting warrants, notices, poll-tax lists and services on dog warrant.	\$56 00
Thomas Farrell, special police duty, 1888.	90 00
J. H. Knight, special police duty,	7 50
F. Doane and Co., stationery,	2 75
John B. Thayer, expenses and cash paid,	34 75
Edwin Mann, wood for selectmen's room,	16 00
Colin Boyd, care of hall, selectmen's office, etc.,	128 03
H. B. Libby, labor and material,	10 68
Thomas Farrell, care of hall at meetings,	30 00
Globe Lamp Co., lamp,	4 00
M. M. Tidd, surveying,	45 00
Harry Cottle, care of lamp,	12 50
Charles Alden, care of lamp and oil,	18 10
- J. White Belcher, insurance,	144 25
Charles E. Pratt, distributing ballots 2 days,	6 00
John Lyons, distributing ballots 1 day,	3 00
Fred G. Winnett, distributing ballots 1 day,	3 00
H. M. White and Co., supplies,	3 92
Charles H. Belcher, supplies,	28 13
Peter B. Hand, expenses and cash paid,	36 75
Henry Campbell, varnishing hearse,	15 00
Peter B. Hand, copying tax book,	25 00
David P. McGaughy, Deputy Inspector of elections,	5 00
George O. Spear, Inspector of elections,	5 00
Augustus L. Chase, Dep. Inspector elections,	5 00
Joseph L. McMahon, Inspector of elections,	5 00
Michael J. Daly, expenses and cash paid,	39 40
James Fardy, labor and material,	4 70
Town of Stoughton, tax on Upham lot,	6 59
Peter B. Hand, services on Board of Health,	20 00
John B. Thayer, services on Board of Health,	20 00
Michael J. Daly, services on Board of Health,	20 00
John B. Carroll, labor,	3 00

A. J. Gove, teams and expressing, . . .	\$55 95
George W. Wales, postage, . . .	12 69
Wales Brothers, . . .	5 00
Howard House, dinners at elections, . . .	38 00
Gaston and Whitney, services 1888-9, . . .	304 89
N. H. Turrell, labor and material, . . .	13 50
Chandler Cox, care of lamp, . . .	15 00
John T. Flood, services as moderator, . . .	20 00
M. F. Smith, labor, . . .	5 00
Seth Mann, 2d, Insurance, . . .	34 50
Franklin Porter, pencils, stationery, etc., . . .	7 25
Eugene Campagna, voting compartments, . . .	105 60
E. C. Bumpus, services, . . .	5 00
E. Forest Knight, posting warrants and notices, . . .	8 00
C. A. Wales, labor and material, . . .	9 30
William Crossley, stationery, . . .	75
D. J. McGerrigle, labor and material, . . .	4 00
F. A. Stanley, labor and material, . . .	3 03
E. A. Perry, labor and material, . . .	1 75
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Total, . . .	\$1939 69

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1890:

The Almshouse during the year has been under the charge of George R. Weaver and wife as Superintendent and Matron, and the faithful manner in which they have attended to all the duties in connection with their positions have been so satisfactory to the Overseers of the Poor that their services were secured for another year, at a salary of five hundred dollars. During the year extensive improvements have been made upon the Almshouse building, blinds having been placed upon the outside, the interior painted and renovated throughout, a bath-room arranged with bath-tub, water introduced, and a hot water tank connected with the range for the purpose of supplying hot water for bath and laundry purposes. Additions have also been made to the stock by purchasing two horses, also one cart. While these improvements on the building and additional stock have increased the gross expense of the Almshouse, the amount refunded by the Superintendent for labor of himself and inmates on the Highways, for labor of Town Teams, refunded for board of sundry persons and the increase of stock, reduces the net expense to slightly above the average of former years.

Names of Persons Supported in Almshouse during the year ending February 28, 1890.

David McKay,	. . . .	52 weeks.
Lewis Linfield,	. . . .	52 “
Edmund Eddy,	. . . .	52 “

William A. Doyle,	52 weeks.
Ann Holbrook,	52 "
Catharine Heney,	52 "
Maggie Morrissey,	52 "
William Morrissey,	52 "
Teresa Long,	52 "
Rufus I. Jones,	52 "
‡ Bridget Long,	30 "
‡ Lucy Long,	30 "
‡ James Conley,	10 "
Joseph Fritz,	52 "
George A. Cook,	52 "
Mary Maxwell,	52 "
Ellen Buckley,	52 "
* William Tilson,	52 "
Lydia A. Dyer,	52 "
George Kiley,	41 "
Flora Cook,	31 "
Thomas McMahon,	4 "
§ Michael Burke,	2 "
† Henry D. Holbrook,	52 "

Expenses for Almshouse and Town Farm.

Paid George R. Weaver and wife, Supt. & Mat.	\$475 00
Daly Bros., supplies	139 40
R. B. Wendell, supplies	7 50
Charles Prescott & Co.	544 86
Gass, Doe & Co., butter	16 25
J. C. Frye & Co., supplies	45 95
William Taylor, "	2 75
A. Gunsenliser	6 37
Frank H. Langley, labor and Material	35 32
O. C. Railroad, freight	1 62
Robert McLennan, stable supplies	51 35
J. Swindells, plants	2 65

‡ Discharged. * Refunded, \$41.00. § Deceased. † Refunded, \$79.00.

George P. Burrell, manure	42 00
A. J. Towns, ice and refrigerator	72 23
C. D. Hill & Co., supplies	4 65
H. L. Mudgett & Co., supplies	286 46
Parker Wood & Co., "	1 70
S. A. Thayer, "	421 28
H. B. Libby, labor and materials	17 03
Samuel Howard, supplies	11 25
W. A. Welch, fowl	4 25
Charles A. Wales, plumbing and materials.	347 62
James Fardy, labor and mat.	28 05
David Lane, labor	67 00
William Tilson, labor	5 00
Franklin Porter, supplies	97 81
Charles H. Belcher, "	7 12
N. E. Buck, "	38 34
Sidney French, "	40 29
James Burke, repairing shoes	2 00
Ingalls & Kendrickson, labor and materials	31 00
William Mahady, labor	12 39
M. M. Alden, labor and materials	17 15
A. L. Chase, truss and medical attendance	18 42
R. I. Jones, pasture	8 50
Patrick Madigan, labor	14 75
Daniel Kiley, cart	20 00
Caswell Livermore & Co., supplies	24 96
Francis Belcher, "	153 70
James Lyons, labor	18 00
William Shields, "	13 00
W. H. Morey, supplies	2 85
Michael Lagin, labor	2 00
Joseph Donovan, "	8 00
For nursing	10 00
John F. Carey, fish	42 02
C. L. Bartlett, horses	550 00

Edward A. Perry, labor and mat.	2 00
Levi Boles & Son, blinds and trim.	47 30
H. M. White & Co., supplies	405 35
George W. Pollock	4 00
James Riley, ploughing and dressing hogs	18 50
T. W. Hoxie, supplies	1 15
Daniel B. White, coal	46 50
Stephen McCannon	11 00
R. A. Thayer, supplies	88 60
R. I. Jones, labor	2 00
Thomas Whalen, labor	8 10
Lucy P. Soule, supplies	2 37
R. T. Mann, "	2 00
Wales Bros., labor	12 00
N. A. Tolman, supplies	9 70
F. C. Granger, medical attendance	3 00
George R. Weaver, supplies and cash paid	73 85
Albert Hawes, supplies	328 86
H. H. Guinan, clothing	138 15
O. M. Sheridan, med. atd.	16 52
Toomey & Brennan, shoes	5 75
A. J. Gove	7 35

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Stock on hand March 1, 1889,	\$2,301 90	
Cash paid for su'plies to March 1, 1890,	5,003 99	
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Stock on hand March 1, 1890,	\$2,890 65	
Labor of Town Teams,	750 84	
Labor of Supt. and inmates,	676 45	
Board of sundry persons	267 50	
Town of Holbrook, board of sundry persons,	448 41	
Stock sold,	22 40	
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Net expense of Almshouse,		\$2,249 64

Almshouse and Town Farm.

Appraisal of Stock, Furniture, Provisions, etc., Feb. 28, 1890:

3 horses	\$600 00
2 cows	75 00
1 swine	35 00
20 fowls	15 00
8 tons of English hay	160 00
1 road scraper	125 00
3 horse carts	150 00
1 farm wagon	70 00
1 carryall	75 00
1 two-horse wagon	60 00
1 swing drag	50 00
1 mowing machine	30 00
1 hay cutter and feed trough	80 00
2 gravel screens	15 00
2 cart harnesses	30 00
1 carriage harness	10 00
1 pair double harnesses	50 00
1 two-horse sled, with shafts and pole	50 00
4 draft chains	10 00
2 grindstones	8 00
2 carriage-jacks	4 00
6 baskets	2 00
1 cultivator	9 00
4 ploughs	25 00
1 harrow	5 00
8 hay and manure forks	5 00
6 shovels	6 00
2 iron bars and 3 picks	5 00
3 wood-saws and saw-horses	4 00
4 hoes, 8 garden and hay rakes	4 00
4 scythes and snaths	3 00
2 hand-saws, plane and square	4 00

1 bit-stock and bit, iron vise, etc.	5 00
3 stone hammers and 32 drills	30 00
30 flour barrels	5 00
12 cords of hard wood, fitted for stove	96 00
2 tons of coal	14 00
2 bushels of potatoes	1 50
Garden Vegetables	5 00
1 barrel of flour	6 50
25 lbs. of butter	6 00
40 lbs. of lard	4 00
200 lbs. of pork	20 00
25 lbs. of crackers	2 00
10 gals. of molasses	5 00
2 gals. of vinegar	75
1-2 bus. of beans	1 25
8 jars of pickles and preserves	2 00
100 lbs. of sugar	7 00
30 lbs. of tea	10 00
Spices	2 00
3 lbs. of tobacco	1 25
Grain and meal	2 00
1 cooking range, hot-water tank, and furniture,	70 00
50 lbs. of ham	6 00
30 lbs. of bacon	3 50
25 gals. of kerosene	3 00
1 kerosene barrel	1 50
1 small stove	5 00
1 fire extinguisher	30 00
9 flat-irons	4 00
1-2 box of soap	2 00
1 sewing machine	16 00
1-4 box of soap powder	1 40
Crockery ware	40 00
Wooden ware	15 00
1 ice chest	45 00

Clothes-wringer and tin ware	15 00
10 hand, 3 hanging lamps, 3 lanterns	10 00
1 clock	4 00
12 cuspadores	6 00
26 iron bedsteads	150 00
12 feather beds	75 00
25 under-beds	36 00
60 sheets	30 00
34 colored blankets	34 00
24 white blankets	24 00
60 pillow cases	10 00
12 bed spreads	12 00
31 comforters	31 00
54 feather pillows	32 00
28 towels	4 00
5 table-cloths	5 00
7 small and 4 dining tables	5 00
1 black walnut extension table	10 00
2 all-wool carpets	40 00
58 chairs	25 00
6 brooms	1 50
1 churn	3 00
Coal shovels, and hods	5 00
3 axes	3 50
1 wheelbarrow	3 50
1 tobacco cutter	2 50
8 snow-ploughs	100 00
1 sleigh	25 00
1 carriage robe, 4 horse blankets	18 00
Total	<hr/> \$2,890 65

Water Supply for Almshouse.

Paid Thomas Johnson, labor	7 00
Peter McConerty, "	11 00
John O. Keefe, "	8 00

John Coleman,	"	.	.	.	9 00
John Sheehan,	"	.	.	.	13 00
Benja W. Lyons,	"	.	.	.	13 00
Frank Cullen,	"	.	.	.	10 00
Thomas Donahoe,	"	.	.	.	13 00
Michael Lagin,	"	.	.	.	9 00
Royal T. King,	"	.	.	.	3 00
Dennis Sullivan,	"	.	.	.	6 00
Thomas Whalen,	"	.	.	.	1 00
John B. McGrane,	"	.	.	.	1 00
Town Team,	"	.	.	.	88
Manus Gallagher,	"	.	.	.	1 00
John Lyons,	"	.	.	.	9 00
Joseph Donovan,	"	.	.	.	10 50
Water pipe, Hydrant, etc.	.	.	.	.	244 86
Total	.	.	.	.	\$370 24

Relief of Poor of Randolph out of Almshouse.

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook at State Lun. Hos.	\$169 46
Mary E. Forrest at State Almshouse,	146 00
Margaret Ward, Taunton Lunatic Hos.	169 46
Timothy Donahoe, " "	169 45
William McMath, Danvers " "	184 78
Julia Ainsley and family . . .	276 01
Edith A. Allen	110 00
Ellen Addison and family . . .	17 65
Susan Atcherson	53 55
Mrs. James Butler	45 00
Mrs. Annie Bunberry	93 50
Patrick Barry	56 30
Mrs. John Fencer	41 00
Mrs. Maurice Colbert	61 65
Mrs. John DeNeil and family . . .	172 70
James D. Fox and family	285 78

William Farnum	59 00
Hiram Holbrook and family	50 23
Mrs. Noah Holbrook	44 00
Alexander Holbrook and wife	91 95
Isaac Holbrook and wife	129 17
Lucinda Holbrook	52 00
Mrs. Jonathan Hunt	104 51
John Lahey	93 87
Timothy Manix	82 75
Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family	168 76
Thomas Biglow	4 00
Bridget Gill	8 00
Hubert Mann	10 00
Mary J. Allen	20 00
John McKay	7 22
Eliza Myers	55 00
Thomas Murray and wife	94 40
Mrs. Delazon Mann	56 75
Mrs. Fanny Niles	90 50
Mrs. Luke O'Reiley and family	173 29
Mrs. John F. Sullivan and family	26 29
Annie A. Thayer	147 99
Annie F. Thayer	115 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Green	52 00
William Shields and wife	79 60
Michael Burke	42 85
Frederick Miller	25 45
Thomas Donahoe and family	81 67
Charles Abbott	53 60
Ellen Wilkinson	3 00
John Atcherson	43 00
Mrs. Catherine Smith and family	22 00
James Hoye	3 00
Mrs. John T. Manning	28 15
Timothy McAuliffe	27 50

Paid	Charles Stevenson and family	\$89 60
	Maurice Colbert	26 50
	Herbert Jones	72 92
	Bridget Long and family	12 00
	Sundry persons aid refunded	4 79
	Total	<hr/> \$4408 61

**Relief of Poor whose Military Settlement is in Randolph
and Holbrook.**

Paid for	Lewis N. Weather, Taunton Lun. Hos.	\$169 46
	Mrs. Frank Boyle and family	59 00
	Elizabeth Dumphy and family	198 56
	Thomas F. Hand and family	28 25
	Ebenezer Holbrook and wife	148 52
	Albert Howard and family	48 00
	James Meaney' family	276 55
	Patrick Doherty	25 60
	John E. Mann and family	206 41
	Sarah Bond	56 00
	Christiana Sloan and family	79 63
	Lysander Morse and family	143 05
	Albert W. Stetson and family	36 05
	Flora Cook	15 60
	Horace M. Packard	29 00
	Louisa Sloan	32 65
	May Mullins	72 00
	George F. French	4 00
	Lawrence Leavitt	37 22
	Aid refunded	10 00
	Total	<hr/> \$1,675 55

Poor of Other Towns.

Paid for	Frederick Fowler and family, Easton .	\$80 85
	Mrs. Thomas Sanderson and family Braintree	3 58

Paid for Albert and John Lang, Taunton . . .	\$41 35
Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree . . .	60 00
Alvin L. Nightingale, Duxbury . . .	19 00
Henry Wentworth and family, Canton . . .	132 44
Mrs. John Glover, Quincy . . .	21 80
Mrs. John C. Welch and family, Weymouth . . .	28 55
Wilfred N. Pendergrass, Holbrook . . .	168 00
Louisa Poole, " . . .	142 50
Mrs. L. A. Whidden, Beverly . . .	36 00
Mrs. Lysander Alden, Avon . . .	75 00
Lewis Crovo, Boston . . .	10 00
Mrs. W. H. Rowell, Methuen . . .	81 00
James E. Kelley, Grafton . . .	26 15
Total . . .	<hr/> \$926 22

State Paupers.

Paid Colin Boyd, keeper of lockup . . .	\$106 60
John P. Rooney " " to Nov. 1 . . .	50 00
C. H. Belcher, supplies . . .	2 76
Howard House . . .	1 50
H. M. White & Co. . . .	28
Frank F. Smith, charcoal . . .	4 00
John P. Rooney, supplies . . .	4 00
Simon Schraut . . .	3 43
Overseers of Poor, sundry persons . . .	6 58
William J. McGookin and family . . .	11 00
Charles H. Wood and family . . .	5 00
D. B. White, coal . . .	19 00
Total . . .	<hr/> \$215 40

The following sums of money have been paid to the several physicians for medical aid to persons under charge of Overseers of the Poor to April 1, 1890 :—

Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman	\$50 00
Dr. Charles C. Farnham	50 00
Dr. Emory A. Allen	50 00
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt	50 00
Dr. Augustus L. Chase	50 00
Dr. Frank C. Granger	50 00
Dr. Oliver M. Sheridan	50 00

RANDOLPH, March 11, 1890

The undersigned Auditors of the Town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the Treasurer.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,
WILLIAM J. LONG,
THOMAS A. KENNEDY.

Estimates of Expenses for 1890.

The following estimates of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town:—

For Schools (see report of School Committee) . .	\$9,675 00
Stetson High School (see report of Trustees) . .	2,200 00
Miscellaneous Town Expenses	2,000 00
Repairs of Highways	3,800 00
Paving	500 00
Removing snow	200 00
Fire Department (see Engineers' report) . .	
Poor in Almshouse	2,000 00
Poor out of Almshouse	4,000 00
Poor belonging to Randolph and Holbrook . .	1,000 00
Military Aid	600 00
Town Officers	2,310 00

Water Works (see rep. of Water Com'is'ers)	7,075 00
Turner Free Library (see rep. of Trustees) .	500 00
Interest on Town debt	

Respectfully submitted :

PETER B. HAND,
JOHN B. THAYER.
MICHAEL J. DALY.

Selectmen of Randolph.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

In the early part of the year the Selectmen received petitions for the right to erect poles and string wires for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting and other purposes. W. A. Stiles petitioned in the interest of the Thompson & Houston Co., and Thomas Blanchard in the interest of the Westinghouse Co. After several hearings, the Selectmen decided to grant a franchise to the parties represented by Mr. Stiles, as, in their judgement, his proposition was most favorable to the town. Mr. Stiles has also given a guarantee to the Selectmen that the Electric Railroad would be in course of construction on or about the first of April, 1890.

Franchise.

On the petition of the Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power Company, duly presented.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Randolph, in the County of Norfolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held at their office in the Town House of said town, on the seventh day of November, A. D. 1889.

Voted. — That the Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power Company, a corporation organized under the provisions of said Commonwealth for the purpose of furnishing light, heat, power, and other commercial needs, be granted permission to dig up and open the ground in all the public streets, highways and lanes of said town, for the purpose of laying down and repairing its gas pipes therein, so far as it may be necessary to accomplish the object of said corporation, and

also to make all necessary excavations in said streets, highways and lanes in the town for the erection and maintenance of suitable and necessary poles or posts, for the support of wires or conductors for the transmission of electricity for light, heat, power, etc., but subject, however, to the conditions that the said corporation shall before commencing operations or excavations of the ground of any of said streets, lanes or highways for the purpose of laying gas pipes, make, execute and deliver to said town the bond of said corporation in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditional, for the prompt payment of any and all judgements for damages and costs, which said town of Randolph shall recover against said corporation, under and by virtue of provisions of the law embraced in Section seventy-six, of Chap. one hundred and nine of the Public Statutes of said Commonwealth, and of all laws in amendment thereto, and also subject to the further condition that said corporation shall lay its main gas pipes upon the sides of said streets, lanes and highways, outside, where practicable, of the parts wrought and used for carriage travel, and in those streets which contain water pipes they shall be laid so as not to interfere in the least practicable degree with convenience of access to said water pipes, and said main gas pipes shall be laid parallel with the general direction of the carriage track on said street and ways, except at necessary crossings, and without deviation to avoid ledge or other obstructions, unless such deviation shall have been specially permitted in writing by the Board of Selectmen of said town; and also upon the further condition that the posts or poles to be erected for the electric lighting lines shall be not less than eight inches in diameter at the surface of the ground when set and five inches at the top, and not less than thirty feet in length; to be free from bark, smoothly shaved, and painted with two coats of durable paint; that such posts shall be placed at the edges of sidewalks or paths for foot travel next the gutter in such a manner as to not obstruct the flow of water in the gutter or the foot travel on the walks; that they

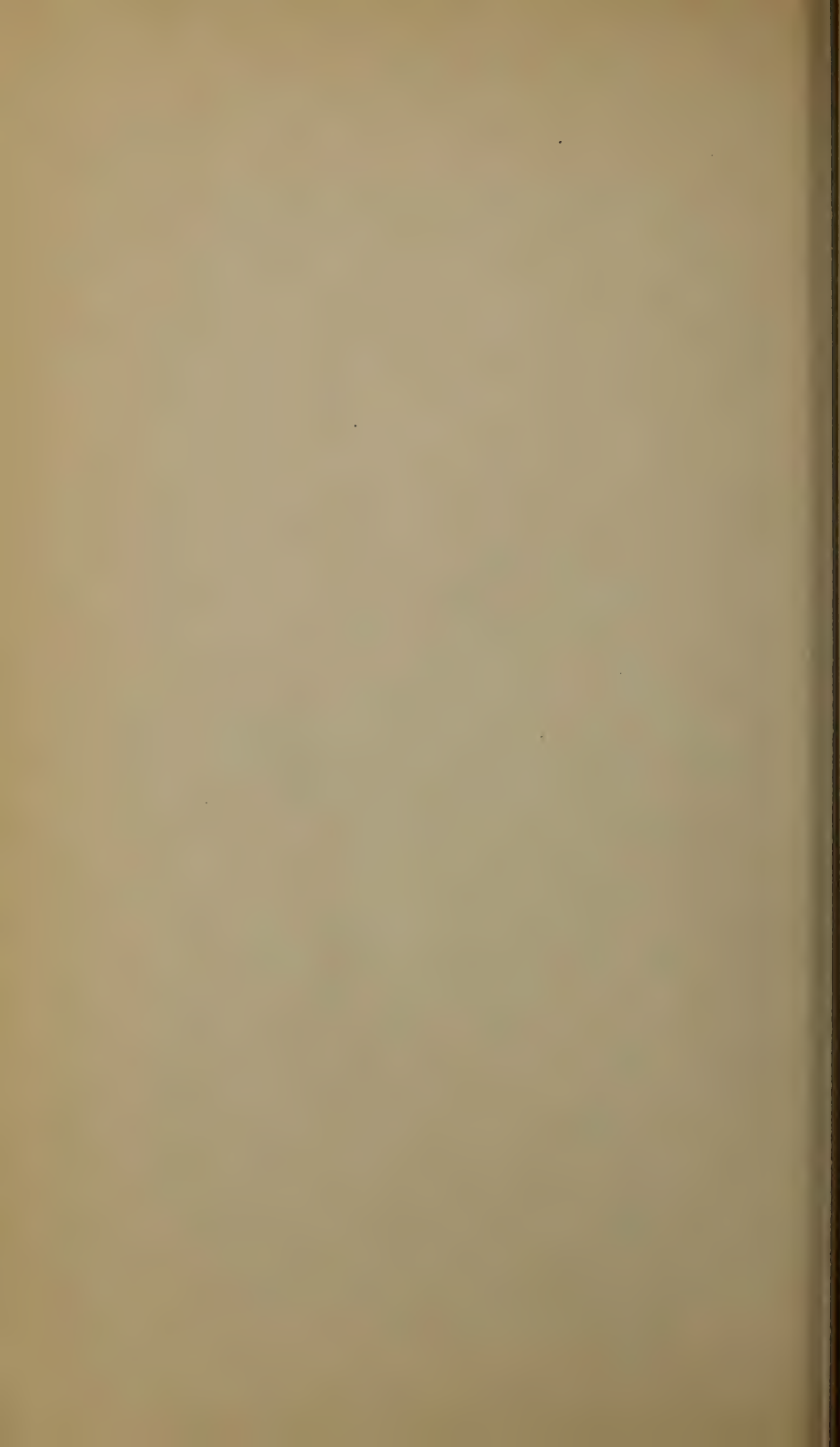
shall be placed not less than five feet in the ground and supported by filling around them with earth, well stamped ; that the wires for transmitting electricity shall in no case be attached to such posts at points nearer than twenty feet to the ground, nor in such a manner as to interfere with any trees growing in such streets or ways, and that said town of Randolph shall have the right, free of cost, to attach a bar or other fixture to each of said poles for the support of a fire alarm, the same to be attached either above or below said Company's wires, as the Selectmen shall direct ; and that in erecting and maintaining such lines of electric wires the growth of trees standing in such streets shall not be interfered with ; and also to the condition that said corporation shall be subject to all liabilities and restrictions imposed by the provisions of the Statutes of said Commonwealth, and further conditions are : that the works are to be constructed and ready for operation within eight months from date of franchise.

That the plant shall be located in the Town of Randolph, and shall cost not less than fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars.

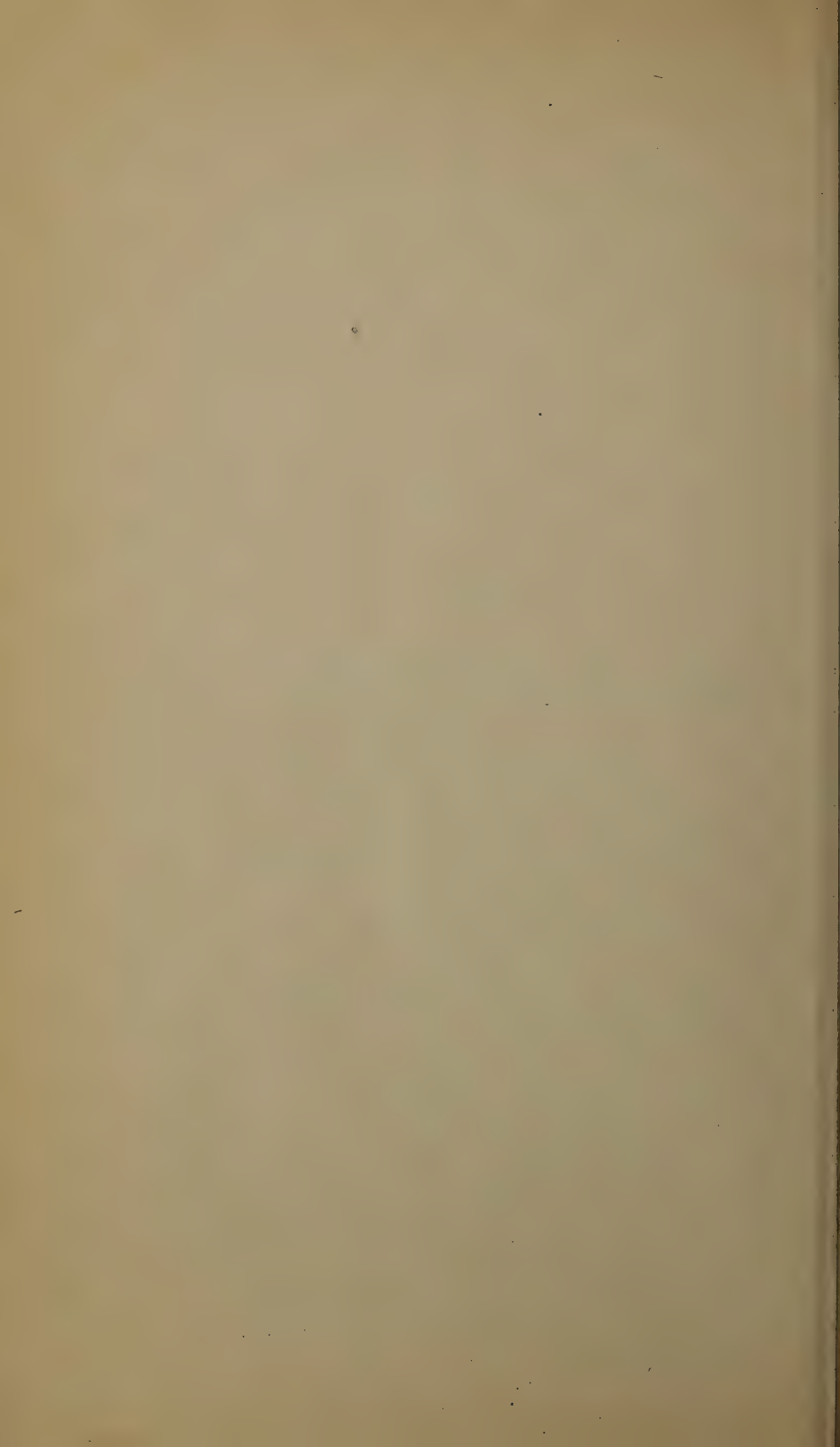
That the aforesaid Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power Company shall give a bond in the penal sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars that they will comply with all the requirements of the franchise.

PETER B. HAND,
JOHN B. THAYER,
MICHAEL J. DALY,

Selectmen of Randolph.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.
1889-90.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee respectfully submit to the citizens of Randolph the following report, which embraces a brief review of the work attempted, the changes made, and the progress of the schools during the year, and a few suggestions as to future changes; also an account of the expenditures of the past school-year and recommendations of appropriations for the ensuing year.

There never has been a time in the history of our country when the public schools have received so much earnest, thoughtful consideration as during the past few years.

There never was a time when the demand for schools affording an opportunity for so wide a scope of attainments for the pupils, under the management of efficient, enthusiastic teachers, was so great as the present.

It is of the utmost importance that we meet this demand, by keeping the schools of our town up to a high standard of excellence. This has been the thought that has influenced your committee in the performance of their duties during the past year, and the results have been very gratifying. We believe that more and better work was accomplished up to the time of the Christmas holidays than ever before in the same time. Since then the prevalence of "la grippe," followed by diphtheria, caused such a falling off in the attendance that it was impossible to do regular work in the school-room.

A meeting of the committee was held on the last Friday in January, when it was decided to close all the schools in the town for three weeks, to resume work on the 24th day of February; thus what promised to be a very successful year's work was seriously interrupted, but we hope by extra effort

on the part of both teachers and pupils to accomplish good results before the closing of the school-year in June.

Both teachers and committee have for some time seen the necessity for more uniformity in the work throughout the schools, and during the long vacation, the committee consulted Messrs. West and Belcher, who consented to prepare a course of study adapted to the work in all the grades.

This, of course, placed a considerable amount of extra work on these gentlemen, which they cheerfully performed gratuitously during their vacation. This graded course was adopted and printed by the committee, and placed in the hands of the several teachers in September, who find it of great assistance in establishing uniform work. The committee take this occasion to publicly thank Mr. West and Mr. Belcher for performing this additional work so willingly.

The Normal Music System, introduced last year, has been most thoroughly tried this present year, the services of Prof. Meisner being continued. The advancement of the children in this very useful accomplishment, of reading music at sight, has been very satisfactory.

The committee felt that drawing was not receiving its proper attention, more from a want of a systematic course than from any other reason. After due investigation, they decided to introduce Prang's Course in Drawing as being the best and most suitable for the schools of Randolph.

In order to assist the teachers in understanding and teaching the work more readily, Miss Ellen P. Henry was selected to take the course of instruction in the Normal class and instruct the other teachers. This plan has been followed, and we believe much better work in this branch will be the result. We desire to compliment Miss Henry upon the faithful manner in which she has performed this extra work.

The law of the Commonwealth compels the teaching of drawing in all our public schools, at an expense of \$244.74 to the town of Randolph. Music, although not a mandatory study, is now taught in a great majority of towns in this

State, and in all well regulated schools you will find vocal music has its place. We have paid Mr. Meisner, our music teacher, \$334.75, which will explain why the committee have exceeded their appropriations \$322.56 in the aggregate.

By the law of the Commonwealth, every pupil is now supplied at the public expense, with all needed appliances for school work. This is, to an extent, an extra burden upon the public, but we believe it is more than compensated by the increase of facilities for doing good school work. In October the teachers of Norfolk County held a convention. As Mr. Joseph Belcher was the president of this organization, the teachers and committee thought it would be pleasant to have this meeting in Randolph. The trustees of the First Congregational Church gave the use of their audience-room for the meeting, and the trustees of Stetson High School the use of their hall for the collation.

The meeting was well attended, and extremely interesting and instructive.

The only permanent change in the corps of teachers was occasioned by the resignation of Miss Driscoll, and the selection of Miss Kate Kiley to fill the place as temporary teacher. Several of the corps have, on account of sickness, been obliged to leave their schools for a time, their places being filled by substitutes procured by the committee.

We would advise more of the graduates of our High School to prepare themselves for the work of teaching by taking the course of instruction in one of our State Normal Schools.

On the 30th day of January, 1890, Lemuel Pope, Inspector of Public Buildings, visited Randolph, inspected the Prescott School Building and found it in a very ill-ventilated condition. He has ordered improvements to be made, subject to the approval of the Mass. District Police. These improvements will cost at least \$500.00, which sum we shall place in permanent repairs.

During the summer vacation, Prescott School Building was shingled and painted, and repairs were made in the rooms ; several new desks were placed in the room occupied by Mr. West, and repairs were made in the room occupied by Miss Driscoll. At the North Grammar School Building, the room occupied by Miss Henry was furnished with single desks and chairs, which greatly improves the appearance of the room. The West Corner School has been supplied with water during the present year at an expense of \$53.18.

We must again remind the parents of the pupils in our schools, that their duties and responsibilities do not cease with furnishing money and children for the schools. They should visit the schools, form the acquaintance of the teachers, examine for themselves, and see how pupils are treated in the school-room. Parents and guardians of these pupils ever remember these schools are your schools, these pupils are your children ; work in harmony with both teachers and committee, thereby securing the best possible good of each child.

By the enumeration under the charge of the committee, there were in this town on the 1st day of May, 1889, six hundred and forty children between five and fifteen years of age, an increase of ten compared with the census of 1888. To support the schools for the ensuing year the committee have made the following estimates :

For teaching	\$6740 00
Fuel	360 00
Care of rooms	450 00
Miscellaneous and Incidentals	325 00
Permanent repairs	500 00
Books and supplies	800 00
Special Instruction in Music and Drawing	500 00
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	\$9675 00
Estimated amount for schools from all sources	794 68
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	\$8880 32

Statement of Attendance, 1889-90.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Enrolled.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent of attendance.	No. over 15 years of age.	No. between 8 and 14.	No. under 5.	Not absent during year.
High.	Hugh J. Molloy, May Fitch, May L. Knowlton.	82	78	73	93	35	18	0	
Prescott Grammar.	Thomas H. West,	54	47	44	94	7	30	0	1
	Isabel G. Driscoll,	54	49	43	88	1	53	0	0
	Kate E. Sheridan,	36	34	30	88	0	36	0	0
	Mary A. Molloy,	38	37	35	95	0	37	0	2
Prescott Primary.	Mary E. Wren,	36	34	31	91	0	19	0	0
	Kittie R. Molloy,	33	32	30	94	0	3	0	0
	Sarah J. McGaughey,	52	51	47	92	0	0	2	6
North Grammar.	Joseph Belcher,	60	54 ³ ₅	57 ² ₅	94	4	46	0	1
	Ellen P. Henry,	37	34	31	91	0	37	0	2
North Primary.	Emma D. Stetson,	36	33	30	90	0	36	0	0
	Clara A. Tolman.	35	34	37	99	0	1	3	0
Ungraded. No. 1.	Minnie W. Corliss,	33	24	21	87	0	32	1	1
No. 2.	Sara C. Belcher,	45	36	31	85	0	30	1	0
No. 4.	Rose M. Brady,	25	21	19	90	0	14	1	4
No. 6.	Hannah F. Hoyer,	40	37	34	91	0	20	1	3

The "Roll of Honor" as prepared by the teachers:—

NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

Mabel Hayden,	Mabel DeForest,
Wade Belcher,	Willie Foley,
Josie Burrell,	Maggie Forest,
Laura Burrell,	Jennie Good,
Alice Brady,	Grace M. Hill,
Frank Clark,	Charles Kelihier,
Herbert M. Chase,	Daniel Howard,
Frank Dolan,	Frank Martin,
J. Edward Devine,	Clara T. Mann,
Carrie A. Devine,	Wesley C. Poole,
Fanny Devine,	Lilla Pratt,
Bessie DeForrest,	Albert C. Wilde.

NOT ABSENT TWO TERMS.

Emma Anderson,	Nicholas Moore,
Bessie Burke,	Mary Kingsley,
Lillie Bracken,	Waldo E. Mann,
Ralph K. Corlis,	Tersa Pope,
Thomas Good,	Shirley E. Roberts
Cornelius Good,	Joseph F. Purcell,
Kittie Good,	Hattie Stetson,
John Gaynor,	Walter E. Scanlon,
M. Lizzie Jones,	Clifton J. Thompson.
Eugene Kingsley,	

NOT ABSENT ONE TERM.

Mary E. Alden,	Isaac R. Mann,
Harry H. Amadon,	John McGaughey,
Charley A. Boyd,	Charles McMahon,
Charles Barrett,	Nellie McGerigle,
Arthur Beal,	Nellie Moore,
Mamie Brady,	Willie McLaughlin,
Maggie Barrett,	Ralph Mann,

Florence Baker.
 Annie Curran,
 Charles Campbell,
 James Connors,
 Joseph Clark,
 Willie Campagna,
 Leo Denehey,
 Lizzie Dolan,
 Alice Dumphy,
 Thomas Dunn,
 Willie F. Eddy,
 Bessie Fardy,
 Nellie Forest.
 Kittie F. Goers,
 Orville Howard,
 Charles Hill,
 Elmer E. Holbrook,
 Leroy C. Holbrook,
 John Haney,
 Mabel G. Hayden,
 Flossie P. Holbrook,
 Alice E. Hill,
 Grace E. Holbrook,
 Hattie L. Hickey.
 John Kelliher,
 Edith Knight,
 Katie McLellan,
 William Morrissey,

Bertha Mann,
 Joseph O. Connors,
 Ida L. Orth,
 Nellie V. Pope,
 Chester L. Paine,
 Percy H. Payne,
 Isabel Perry,
 Annie C. Paine,
 William Pulson,
 Ethel Roberts.
 Mary Shirley,
 Hannah B. Scanlon,
 Annie Schraut,
 Georg Schraut,
 Kittie Smith,
 Maurice Scanlon,
 Bernie H. Scanlon,
 Benjie Stetson,
 Robert W. Lenox,
 Edith M. Thompson,
 George Thatcher,
 Gordon R. Thayer,
 Gertrude J. Thayer,
 Gertrude F. Thayer,
 Maggie Uniac,
 Thomas Uniac,
 Annie Welch.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

For Teaching.

Thomas H. West, 1 year	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher, "	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Isabella G. Driscoll	}	.	.	.	390 72
Kate Kiley		.	.	.	50 00
Ellen P. Henry	.	.	.	.	400 00

Kate E. Sheridan	\$399 00
Mary A. Molloy	380 00
Emma D. Stetson	354 50
Sara C. Belcher	400 00
Mary E. Wren	380 00
Kittie R. Molloy	361 00
Sarah J. McCaughey	354 50
Minnie W. Corliss	342 00
Rose Mary Brady	304 00
Clara A. Tolman	304 00
Hannah F. Hoye	316 50
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	\$6736 22

Special Instruction in Music and Drawing.

Paid Prof. M. W. Misener	\$334 75
Prang E'uca'al Co., material for drawing	143 14
Siver, Burdett & Co.	101 60
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	\$579 49

Care of Rooms.

Paid Mrs. Margaret Reilly, care of rooms	\$31 30
" " " " " 	31 25
Galen Hollis, " " 	33 33
Herbert C. Wilbur " " 	5 00
Mrs. Rose Stetson, " " 	5 00
Mrs. Maragaret Reilly, care and lighting	16 18
" " " labor cleaning rooms	15 00
Mrs. Julia Connor, " " 	15 00
Mrs. James Reilly, " " 	15 00
Thomas Reilly, for labor	7 00
Mrs. Lewis T. Stetson, for cleaning school	5 00
Mrs. M. Reilly, care and lighting	21 84
James Barry, cleaning and labor	9 00
Mrs. M. Reilly, care and lighting	21 44
" " " " 	22 64

Galen Hollis, care of school rooms . . .	\$33 33
Rose Stetson, " " . . .	5 00
Herbert C. Wilbur, care and cleaning, broom	10 40
Mrs. M. Reilly, care of rooms . . .	25 04
" " " " . . .	25 04
" " " " . . .	31 30
" " extra labor . . .	2 00
Galen Hollis, care of rooms . . .	33 34
Rose Stetson, " " . . .	10 00
James Barry, " " 1 year . . .	20 00
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	\$449 43

Fuel for Schools.

Paid Dan'l Leahy, 2 cds. wood, Prescott school	\$10 00
" " sawing and splitting . . .	5 00
Daniel B. White, 3 tons of coal . . .	19 50
Thomas Reilly, sawing and splitting wood	3 75
Daniel Leahy, wood and labor . . .	10 00
" " 51 tons of coal for Public Schools	280 50
Thomas Reilly, sawing and splitting wood	3 25
Benjie Stetson, preparing wood . . .	1 50
Daniel Leahy, wood for schools . . .	17 50
Edwin M. Mann, wood	9 00
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	\$360 00

School Supplies.

Paid J. L. Hammett, merchandise . . .	\$7 95
Thorp, Adams & Co., 10 gro. pencils . . .	9 50
New England News Co., slates . . .	7 20
John B. Wren, 5 gro. drawing pencils . . .	12 50
Geo. S. Perry, supplies	36 70
Harper Bros., "	17 64
Boston School Supply Co., supplies . . .	89 44
" " " "	4 96
A. G. Whitecomb, desks and chairs . . .	190 00

A. S. Barnes & Co.	55 84
Boston School Supply Co.	2 63
Silver, Burdett & Co.	4 00
F. M. Ambrose	26 20
Geo. S. Perry	19 40
Wm. H. Claflin	11 58
Thompson, Brown & Co.	9 00
Thomas Hall	5 00
Dan'l Huxford, grade papers for schools	57 20
Iverson, Blakeman & Co.	10 80
Ginn & Co., merchandise	15 92
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	95 55
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	8 50
Geo. S. Perry	97 50
John B. Wren, school supplies	7 84
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	27 50
Edward C. Babb & Co.	19 50
William Ware & Co.	18 75
Silver, Burdett & Co.	1 60
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	88 45
William H. Claflin & Co.	10 85
Geo. S. Perry	46 30
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	1 40
Warren P. Adams	2 13
J. L. Hammett	3 94
D. C. Heath & Co.	92
D. Appleton & Co., 2 bills	7 35
Clark, Maynard & Co.	1 80
D. C. Heath & Co., 2 bills	11 14
Ginn & Co.	11 25
D. Appleton & Co.	19 01
Allyn & Bacon	1 05
John B. Wren, cash paid, supplies	2 05
D. Appleton & Co.	8 96
Carl Schoenhof	1 88

\$1,088 68

Miscellaneous and Incidental Expenses.

Paid John B. Wren, expenses purchasing supplies for 2 yrs.	\$13 60
John B. Wren, postage and stationery	3 97
J. B. Lippincott, Prize Dictionary, Improvement Fair	10 50
L. M. Eldridge, tuning piano	2 00
Charles Cole, labor and loam, No. Gram.	5 25
Geo. W. Pollock, swivel Chair	4 50
Edward A. Perry, labor	3 25
Dennis Fox, labor, Prescott School	7 00
Edward A. Perry, stock and labor	6 25
John B. Wren, taking census of school children	20 00
James E. Blanch, carriage hire	4 00
Andrew E. Hayes, use of well for 2 years	6 00
Nathaniel Noyes, labor, No. Gram. School	15 12
Morrison M. Alden, for lumber	8 37
Colin Boyd, care church for Convention	6 00
Deborah M. Jones, use of well 1 yr., 1 term	4 00
John P. Rooney, 1-2 yr. Truant Officer	10 00
Thomas Farrell, care Stetson Hall for Convention	10 00
Geo. W. Pollock, window curtains for schools	18 00
Charles A. Wales, labor and supplies	45 64
Daniel H. Huxford, 500 Deportment cards	4 50
Edward A. Perry, labor	2 00
Galen Hollis, services as Truant Officer	15 00
Daniel H. Huxford, Annual Advertiser	10 00
Mrs. Lawrence Hayes, use of well 1 year	3 00
Thomas Dolan, cash paid postage and sundry bills, labor	13 85
Frank J. Donahoe, services as Truant Officer	8 33

Colin Boyd, care Committee Room	6 00
Andrew J. Gove, Express bill, etc.	39 05
Henry M. White, supplies	1 10
Horace B. Libby, tables for Convention	15 92
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	\$324 20

Permanent Repairs.

Paid J. B. Rhines, shingles, nails and stock	\$293 22
N. H. Tirrell, painting Prescott school house	169 00
E. W. Campagna, shingling	140 23
“ “ repairing Tower Hill school house	20 66
N. H. Tirrell, painting and setting glass	28 09
S. B. Woodman, labor and material Tower Hill School	33 13
Randolph Water Works, West Corner school-house	29 22
Charles A. Wales, labor and stock, West Corner school-house	23 96
Edward A. Perry, labor and material for closets	34 78
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	\$772 29

Recapitulation.

Paid for teaching	\$6,736 22
Fuel	360 00
Care of rooms	449 43
Miscellaneous and Incidental	324 20
Permanent Repairs	772 29
Books and supplies for all schools	1,088 68
Special Instruction in Music and Drawing	579 49
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	\$10,310 31

Funds Applicable to Schools.

Amount Appropriated by the Town . . .	\$8,780 27
Received from State School Fund Revenue . . .	345 55
“ “ State School Fund . . .	175 42
“ “ Dog Fund . . .	539 26
“ “ Coddington Fund . . .	80 00
“ “ Cash returned by School Committee, sale of shingles . . .	67 25
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	\$9,987 75
Total expenses of schools . . .	\$10,310 31
Funds from all sources . . .	9,987 75
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Excess . . .	\$322 56

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. T. CUSHMAN,
JOHN B. WREN,
THOMAS DOLAN,

School Committee.

RANDOLPH, March, 1890.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

The trustees of the Stetson School Fund respectfully submit to the citizens of Randolph the following annual report :

The Stetson Fund remains invested as follows : —

10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank (par),	\$1,000 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank (par), . . .	1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank (par), . . .	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank (par), . . .	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank (par), . . .	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank (par), . . .	1,000 00
10 shares Old Boston National Bank (par), . . .	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank (par), . . .	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank (par), . . .	1,300 00

THE TURNER FUND.

The Turner Fund, the income from which is devoted to the purchase of medals, consists of one (1) City of Minneapolis Bond, \$1,000 00.

The Treasurer's account of receipts and expenditures is appended.

The school-year of 1888 and 1889 closed with the graduation exercises on Friday, June 21, in Stetson Hall.

Diplomas were awarded the following pupils, whose names are arranged according to rank for the entire course :

FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

Latin.

Helen Augusta Belcher,
James Edward Molloy,
Jennie Gertrude Whalin,
Jennie Florence White.
Annie Clark Knight.

English.

Katherine Josephine Reilley,
Kate Teresa Sullivan,
Ethel Marion Paine,
Charles Alden,
Lillian Jane Sloan.

TWO YEARS' COURSE.

May Adeline Powderly,
Margaret Alice Reilley,
Patrick Francis Clark,

Charles Alton Payne,
Elmer Bradford Paine,
Edward DeWitt Page.

The Turner Medals were presented to Helen Augusta Belcher, valedictorian, and James E. Molloy, salutatorian.

At the close of the year. Miss Bertha G. Young resigned her position to accept a more lucrative one in Winchester, Mass. The trustees take this opportunity to express their appreciation of Miss Young as a teacher. their complete satisfaction with her work, and their regret that they were compelled to lose her services.

To fill the vacancy caused by Miss Young's resignation, the trustees elected Miss May L. Knowlton of Woburn, Mass., who is a graduate of the Woburn High School and Wellesley College, had assisted at the latter institution, and was highly recommended.

The present school-year opened on Tuesday, Sept. 3, with Hugh J. Molloy, A. M., Mary R. Fitch, A. B., and May L. Knowlton, A. B., as teachers. The trustees know from their own observation and from the opinions expressed by those acquainted with the school and its work that the standard as to scholarship and deportment was never better, and feel that great credit is due the teachers for so satisfactory a state of affairs. They are convinced that economy in appropriations which necessitates the loss of a competent teacher, is not economy, and that when a teacher can be retained by a moderate

increase of salary the school should not lose the services of a tried and worthy instructor ; moreover, the services of such a teacher should be as valuable to Randolph as to any other town, and Randolph should not be one of those towns which, through false ideas of economy, make their schools training-schools for the benefit of other places which value experience and success in a teacher.

Eighty-two pupils were enrolled Sept. 3, forty eight of whom took the classical course and the remainder the English. The entering class numbered thirty-four — fourteen from the Prescott district and twenty from the North — fourteen of whom took the classical course. The teachers are able to speak more favorably of the pupils who take the classical course than of the others, because, as a rule, the pupils who have previously done well and who intend to work well choose the classical course. Any one who will visit the school or watch the progress of the present pupils and the graduates will conclude that the greatest advantages are afforded by the classical studies.

It has been the rule for the past three years that no pupil shall be promoted or allowed to graduate whose average mark for the year in any study falls below fifty per cent. Reports are made up from the daily recitations and bi-monthly examinations and sent to the parents to be examined, signed and returned. These reports will always indicate the character of the pupil's work, and an unsatisfactory mark in lessons or deportment should call attention to the fact that the pupil must improve or promotion will be denied. There is no school, however good, in which it is not necessary to resort to some such rule in order to check laziness and neglect of work, and to keep the great number of pupils up to good work.

During the year a Bourne Piano was purchased for school and hall use at a cost of three hundred dollars ; it is a good investment, since if we consider the rental of the piano formerly used and the money obtained by letting this one for

use in the hall it will be seen that the first cost will soon be saved and a good rate of interest on the money obtained.

The hall and school-rooms have been inspected recently by Mr. Lemuel Pope, State Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings, and he has directed the trustees to make certain changes and improvements; a portion of his letter to the trustees will explain the matter:

“You are hereby notified that it appears to me, after a careful inspection, that further and different sanitary provisions and means of ventilation than those now provided are required in said building in order to conform to the provisions of Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1888. And you are hereby directed to provide better and additional means of ventilation in said building by means of brick or metallic flues or ducts aided by heat or mechanical means. You will also remove or change the construction of the sanitary appliances connected with said building so as to greatly improve their condition. The outside doors of the school part of said building will not be locked while the school is in session, except in such manner as to be readily opened without the use of a key. All of which is to be done subject to the approval of this department.”

It will be seen from this that work must be done at once, which will necessitate an unusual appropriation of money, as the directions of the State officials must be complied with.

A year ago the trustees asked for an appropriation, in order that the building might be painted within and without. The necessity is still greater this year, and delay in such a matter will surely occasion the expenditure of a larger sum in the end.

To continue the work of the school as at present, the trustees ask the town to appropriate the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars, and in addition to this whatever sum may be needed to make the required changes and improvements in the building and the school-rooms.

Until this year the trustees have been paid a share of the corporation taxes, amounting generally to almost two hundred dollars, on the grounds that Stetson High School was a corporation.

The present board of trustees have accepted the money from year to year, as they knew of no reason why they should not, and supposed that when the arrangement was made the parties to it were acquainted with the circumstances.

This year the tax commissioner has paid the money to the town, causing a depreciation of about two hundred dollars in the estimated income of the school; the matter may be plainly put by saying that the town has received more and the trustees less than was expected. As the money has always been in reality the town's, inasmuch as it was used for school purposes, and as the direct appropriation has always been less by this amount, the trustees feel that to the regular appropriation of two thousand dollars, this amount, which has been simply turned into a different town account, should be added, as the school is not managed so loosely that so large a sum can be deducted without occasioning a corresponding loss. And therefore the trustees respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars, (the regular appropriation of two thousand and two hundred in place of the amount turned over to the general town treasury for regular expenses).

W. F. BARRETT.
JOHN B. WREN.
T. T. CUSHMAN.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1889.		To balance old account,		\$0.95
April	5.	To dividends Eliot National Bank	\$30 00	
		Webster " "	20 00	
		Hide & Leather National Bank	30 00	
		Shoe & Leather " "	25 00	
		Exchange " "	30 00	
		Boylston " "	30 00	
		Tremont " "	25 00	
		Old Boston " "	25 00	
		Shawmut " "	39 00	
		Randolph " "	65 00	
				319 00
April	24.	Town appropriation (in part)		1,000 00
Oct.	1.	Dividends Eliot National Bank	30 00	
		Webster " "	15 00	
		Hide & Leather National Bank	30 00	
		Shoe & Leather " "	20 00	
		Exchange " "	30 00	
		Boylston " "	30 00	
		Tremont " "	25 00	
		Old Boston " "	20 00	
		Shawmut " "	39 00	
		Randolph " "	65 00	
				304 00
Oct.	21.	Town appropriation (balance of)		1,000 00
		Amount received from rental of hall		228 00
				\$2,851 95

C. G. HATHAWAY,

secretary

The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of the Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct.

The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining with the secretary.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1,000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund, same as reported.

PETER B. HAND.
JOHN B. THAYER,
MICHAEL J. DALY,

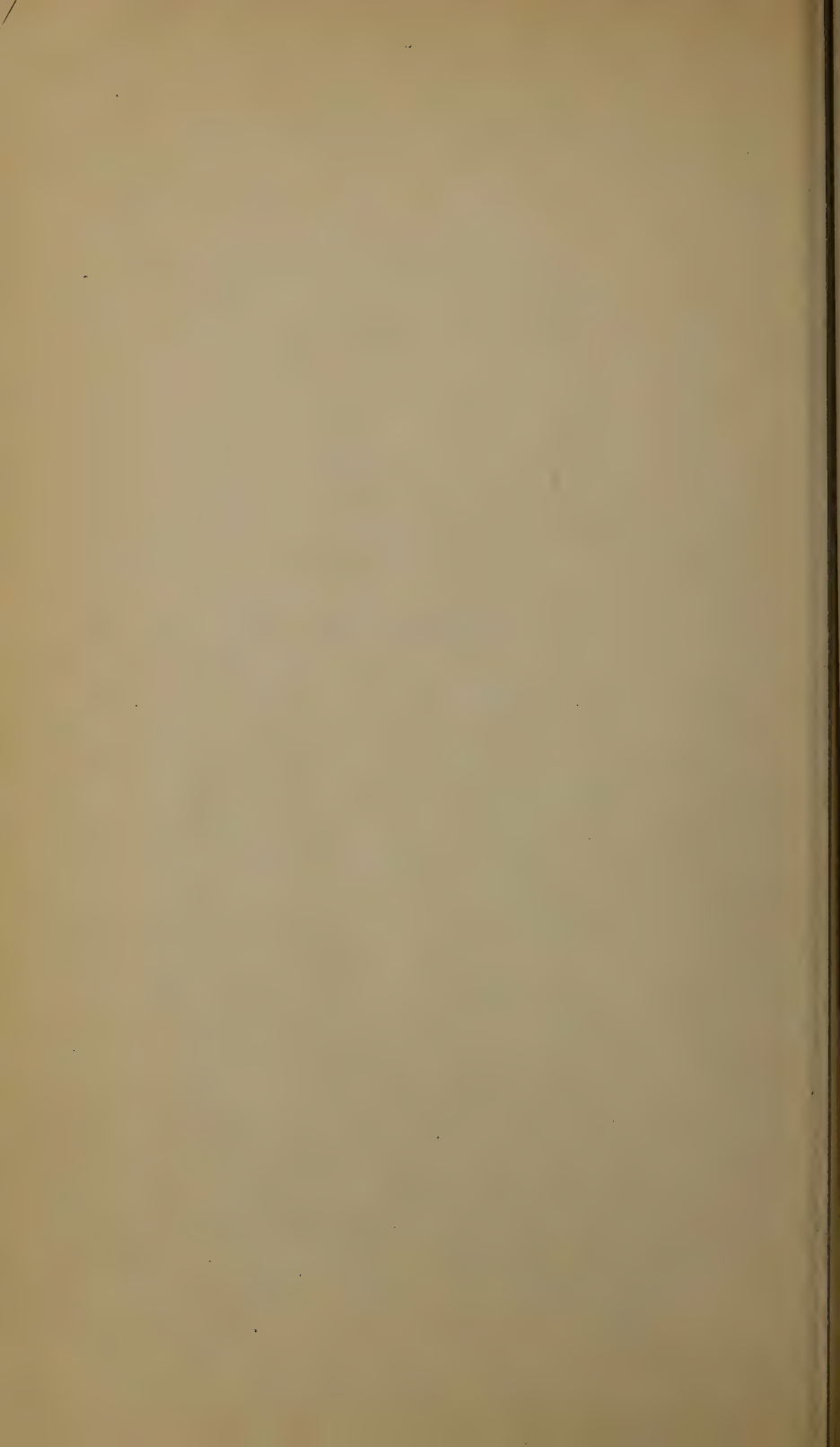
Randolph, March 14, 1890.

Selectmen of Randolph.

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1889.			
April	8.	By paying A. G. Goode, bill	\$51 71
	9.	Wm. Bourne & Son, part pay't piano	100 00
	5.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	23 68
	12.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	94 71
	12.	Bertha Young, salary	29 00
May	4.	" "	58 00
	3.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	47 36
	10.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	126 31
June	1.	" "	94 71
	1.	Bertha Young, salary	58 00
	1.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	47 36
	24.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	94 71
	24.	Bertha Young, salary	43 71
	24.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	35 57
	28.	Colin Boyd, bill	29 00
July	27.	Hugh J. Molloy, sundries	4 13
	27.	Thos. Farrell, bill	1 50
	27.	D. H. Huxford, bill	15 75
	27.	Am. Bank Note Co., diplomas	5 00
	27.	H. C. Kendall, bill	4 00
Aug.	11.	A. G. Whitcomb, desks, etc.	93 33
	21.	Thos. Hill, supplies	2 50
Sept.	4.	N. Noyes, repairs	11 51
	27.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	126 31
	27.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	55 24
	27.	May L. Knowlton, salary	52 60
Oct.	4.	Colin Boyd, bill	11 40
	7.	Geo. B. Dench, bill	5 00
	21.	D. Leahy, coal	90 75
	26.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	126 31
	26.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	55 24
	26.	May L. Knowlton, salary	52 50
	28.	John B. Wren, bill	8 30
Nov.	9.	F. F. Smith, charcoal	12 00
	23.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	126 31
	23.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	55 24
	23.	May L. Knowlton, salary	52 60
	23.	Colin Boyd, bill	27 00
	27.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., bill	1 28
	27.	Thos. Hall, bill	1 35
Dec.	10.	J. L. Hammett, supplies	18 65
	10.	D. Appleton & Co., 1 set American Cyclopedia	144 00
	20.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	126 31
	20.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	55 25
	20.	May L. Knowlton, salary	52 60
1890.			
Jan.	4.	E. A. Perry, bill	2 50
Feb.	1.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	126 31
	1.	May L. Knowlton, salary	52 60
	1.	Isabel M. Breed, salary	41 45
Mar.	6.	J. Fary, bill	5 00
	6.	Colin Boyd, bill	25 00
	7.	Hugh J. Molloy, salary	63 15
	7.	May L. Knowlton, salary	63 75
	7.	Mary R. Fitch, salary	69 05
	7.	Isabel M. Breed, salary	13 82
	7.	Chas. E. Higgins, bill	7 00
	7.	John B. Wren, bill	7 50
	7.	Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, bill	3 00
	7.	Hugh J. Molloy, bill	75
	7.	School supplies	21 00
	7.	Trustees and Secretary	20 00
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			90
Balance			<hr/> \$2,851 95



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MRS. FRANCES O. HOWARD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the fourteenth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library, and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, and of the librarian, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1889.

Trust.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library, funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as in previous years.

Building.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster, John B. Thayer, and Michael J. Daly) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1889, has been \$777.95 : — gasoline and fuel, \$362.51 ; expressing, \$26.38 ; janitor, \$125 ; insurance, \$205.59 ; plumbing and repairs, \$56.89 ; other sundry supplies, \$11.58. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The library building will require some repairs the present year.

Library.

The annual examination of the library was made in the month of July, by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree, Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, William H. Balkam, Jr.), and the library was found in its usual excellent condition.

The trustees have authorized the librarian to prepare a new Supplementary Catalogue, which it is expected will be completed and ready for distribution about the first day of July next.

The general work of the library varies but slightly from year to year, and beyond the usual statistics prepared by the librarian, and the reports of the various committees, there is but little of importance to communicate.

The trustees are fortunate in still retaining the services of Dr. Farnham, who has had charge of the library since it was founded. His present assistant, Mrs. Howard, from her past experience is well fitted for the position.

The whole number of volumes in the library,	
Dec. 31, 1889	10,711
Volumes added during the year,	377
Total number of days the library was open to the	
public	278
The number of volumes issued during the year .	15,399
The largest number issued in one day . . .	208
The smallest number issued in one day . . .	2
Daily average	56

Funds.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments; and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1889, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TUNNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1889.

Receipts.

Balance on hand	\$8 39
Received rent from Randolph National Bank	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank	100 00
Received rent from Charles H. Belcher	300 00
Received rent from Ladies Library Association	15 00
Received from town, interest on note	150 00
Received from income of Turner Fund,	580 00
Received from librarian for fines and catalogues . . .	52 46
Received from banks and others for their proportion of light and heat	245 30
Received from town appropriation	600 00
Received from Royal W. Turner, money loaned	300 00
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	\$2551 15

Jan. 1, 1889.

Expenditures.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines, and binding	\$508 37
Amount paid librarian for salary one year	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline and fuel	362 51
Amount paid for insurance	205 59
Amount paid for printing	58 75
Amount paid for expressing	26 38
Amount paid for sundry repairs (including book-cases)	262 39
Amount paid for sundry supplies	11 58
Amount paid for cash borrowed of R. W. Turner . . .	300 00
Balance on hand	190 58
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	\$2551 15

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Charles G. Hathaway, John J. Crawford, J. Winsor Pratt, and Peter B. Hand) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, in compliance with Article 10 of the by-laws, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which have been presented for payment, have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee

of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; that a cash balance of \$190.58 is now in the treasury. They further find that all the rents, the interest, and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured. The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consist of \$5,000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the farther sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner Fund,' invested as follows:

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1000 each.

"For the current year, the income is estimated as follows:

From rents,	\$600 00
Interest on town note	200 00
From Turner Fund	580 00
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								\$1380 00

It is recommended by the committee that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated by the town for the ensuing year for the general expenses of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 10, 1890.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT,
RANDOLPH, March 1, 1890.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Randolph :

The Board of Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit the following Report.

On May 1, 1889, the department organized as follows :

Board of Engineers.

C. A. Wales, *Chief*; John Haney, D. J. Brennan, and Con. Desmond, *Assistants*; W. A. Croak, *Clerk*.

Companies.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; F. J. Donahue, *Fireman*.

Steamer No. 2, J. Clark, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; W. M. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose Co. No. 1, James Farrell, *Foreman*, 18 men.

Hose Co. No. 2, D. W. Shedd, *Foreman*, 10 men.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, N. E. Knight, *Foreman*, 23 men.

Chemical engine No. 1, James Sullivan, *Foreman*, 15 men.

Fires.

April 1, 1889, 9.30 P.M., an alarm for a fire which proved to be in Avon called out the apparatus of House No. 1, which

proceeded about a mile up South Main St., and returned to the house.

April 10, 1889, 9.30 P.M., an alarm for a fire on Mill St., Holbrook, but near the Randolph line, called out the Department, which rendered some assistance to the Holbrook Department.

May 30, 1889, 9.20 P.M., an alarm called the apparatus of House No. 1 to the John Peach Factory on South Main St., where a slight fire was in progress on the outside of the rear of the building, which proved to be the contents of a tin can on fire. At about the same time an explosion occurred in the basement, which shattered several shoe-machines, and damaged doors, windows, floors, etc. The damage by fire very small.

Aug. 28, 1889, 1 P.M., fire was discovered on the roof of the dwelling owned and occupied by Daniel Kiley, on Mt. Pleasant Sq. Cause, spark from chimney. Damage slight. No alarm on the bells.

Nov. 28, 1889, 10.30 A.M., a call came from Chief Webber of the Boston Fire Department. Chief Wales responded, with two assistants and ten men, with Steamer No. 1, and they were taken to Boston by train, returning at 6.30 P.M., having been on duty at the Bedford, Kingston St. fire about four hours.

Dec. 4, 1889, 12.45 A.M., an alarm called the Department to the building on the corner of School and Main Streets, owned by Albert Hawes, and occupied by him as a market in the basement; P. Barron and Co., first floor, dry goods; Dr. O. M. Sheridan, office, second floor; and G. W. Pollock, dwelling, second and third floors. The fire started in a small room on the first floor, and burned up to the third floor, destroying that and the roof, damaging the building about \$2,100, and the contents about the same. Hawes and Barron insured, Pollock and Sheridan no insurance.

Feb. 5, 1890, 2.50 P.M., an alarm was rung for a fire in

the dwelling on Cross St. owned by Patrick Flood and occupied by John Flynn. The fire was confined to burning soot in the chimney.

Expenses.

Paid 70 men, services May 1, 1888 to May 1,	
1889	\$840 00
70 men, 1165 hours at 25 cts.	291 25
Engineer of steamer	40 00
Fireman of steamer	30 00
A. J. Gove, drawing apparatus of House	
No. 1 from Nov. '88 to Nov. '89	300 00
J. Clark, drawing Hose 2 to March 1890 .	24 00
N. E. Knight, steward, etc., H. & L. 1, to	
March 1, 1889	5 00
James Farrell, janitor Hose 1, to May 1,	
1889	6 00
C. S. Dolan, steward H. & L. 1, to May 1,	
1889	6 00
F. J. Donahue, steward, care of fires, etc.,	
to March 1, 1890	92 75
W. M. Howard, steward, etc., to May 1,	
1889	77 40
J. B. McGrane, steward, etc., to May 1,	
1889	15 50
Walter F. Sullivan, steward, etc., to Jan. 18,	
1890	31 00
James Riley, rent of land, steamer 2 . . .	15 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, exting. 1 . .	10 00
C. A. Wales, labor, material, and cash paid	23 75
A. J. Gove, expressing, etc.	33 90
A. S. Jackson, supplies	29 80
Thomas Adams, supplies	6 96
A. W. Chesterton, supplies	2 00

H. M. White, supplies . . . ;	31
C. Prescott, supplies	2 66
Twoomy and Brennan, supplies . . .	18 00
D. B. White, coal for engine-houses . . .	67 75
F. H. Langley, labor and material on chemical engine	25 00
Henry Campbell, painting chemical engine	4 00
James Fardy, labor and material on ladder truck	75 00
N. H. Tirrell, painting ladder truck . . .	10 00
R. McLennon, cushions, leather-work, etc., on ladder truck and chemical engine . .	12 15
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	\$2,095 18
James Fardy, hose wagon ,	450 00
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Total expense,	\$2,545 18
Total appropriation	2,200 00
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Excess,	\$345 18

As will be observed by the above figures the amount expended has exceeded the amount of the appropriations, therefore it is proper, and in order, that some statement of the reasons therefore should be made.

In the first place the committee on appropriations cut down the estimates of the Board of Engineers over \$300.00. In the second place no appropriation is made for the twenty-five cents per hour service, which in this report amounts to \$291.25, which would leave the actual excess of expenses \$53.93. There were outstanding bills of the year before, amounting to about \$75.00, which have been paid. We have also had the Ladder Truck and Chemical Engine placed in condition to be drawn by horses at an expense of \$125.00.

This was done with a view to reduce the number of men to the minimum, for as we have before suggested, or recommended, with the apparatus drawn by horses, and a good fire alarm system the work of the Department can be done with less confusion, smaller number of men, and as we believe with less expense when the Department shall have been brought to a good working basis with the apparatus complete, and, as a rule, housed under one roof.

The building of a Hose Wagon was awarded by contract to Mr. James Fardy, who has, we believe, built a first class wagon; in his work he has been ably assisted by N. H. Tirrell, who painted the same. We believe we have as good a wagon as can be found in the state.

Apparatus.

The apparatus of the Department is in good condition, and consists of two steamers, one hose wagon, horse, one hose reel, hand, one hose reel, horse, one two wheel hose cart, hand, one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck, three portable chemical extinguishers, two thousand seven hundred feet of canvas hose, extra ladders in the house of Steamer 2, and Chemical 1.

In accordance with the vote of the Town an effort has been made to sell one of the steamers, and hose reel No. 1, hand, parties dealing in fire apparatus have been consulted, advertisements have been inserted in several papers, as a result some correspondence has passed between the chief and prospective customers.

The ladders upon the truck have become weakened and worn from service, so much so that new ones will have to be purchased the coming year.

Houses.

While the houses of Steamer 2, and Chemical 1 are in fair condition, the house of Steamer and Hose 1 will soon need

extensive repairs, but before that is considered we think it would be wise for the town to consider the matter of a new house for this section of the town. A substantial brick building with modern improvements, and capable of housing all the principal apparatus, or at least one large enough to receive one steamer, one hose wagon, and a ladder truck with proper ladders upon it, which has never been done, and cannot be done in present house of Steamer 1; there is need of a hose tower attached to such a house, with height enough to take up a length of hose for drying, instead of the present method of placing hose out upon the ground for the sun to dry them, requiring the services of several men to take care of it. At present there are three houses in which fires are run through the cold weather, whereas with one commodious house with all apparatus in it that should be kept from freezing one fire would take the place of three. Then again, after every fire, all wet hose could be exchanged for dry hose at this house, thereby doing away with the need of fires at hose houses in the outlying districts. But perhaps we have said enough upon this subject at present; for further information on this matter we would refer you to the committee appointed by the Town at the last annual meeting.

Fire Alarm.

The matter of a proper method of giving alarms for fires has occupied the attention of the Board of Engineers for several years past, and having alluded to the house accommodation, we will again call your attention to the subject of some kind of fire alarm. At present we have but one bell that can be used by the Department, and that is the one on the house of Steamer No. 1, the location being such that it cannot be heard at times only a short distance from the house, then the church bells are used, providing the parties holding the keys can be found.

What is needed is some system of alarm that can be used to better advantage than church bells rung at random ; a system whereby the whole Department or only a portion thereof can be called, as the case may require, thereby preventing confusion, saving expense, locating the fire for the information of men of the Department, whereby they may be able to be early on the spot, and ready for work. Such a system would prevent needless alarms in many instances, and enable the officer in command at fires to summon the men when needed without resorting to special couriers on horseback as in the past. For further information on this subject we would also refer you to the committee on Fire Department.

Estimate of Expenses.

The Board of Engineers have received a petition from the members of the several companies asking the Board to recommend an increase of salary. While the Board do not approve of the form of the proposed increase as petitioned for, they would recommend that the pay of men be \$12 per year, and fifty cents per hour for actual service at fires. One engineer of steamer, \$40 ; one fireman of steamer, \$30 ; and as new rubber coats for the men are needed, and new ladders for the ladder truck, including a Bangor ladder, we would recommend for general expenses \$1000.

CHARLES A. WALES, CHIEF,	
JOHN HANEY,	
DANIEL J. BRENNAN,	} ASSISTANTS,
C. DESMOND,	
W. A. CROAK, CLERK,	
Engineers of Fire Department.	

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS,

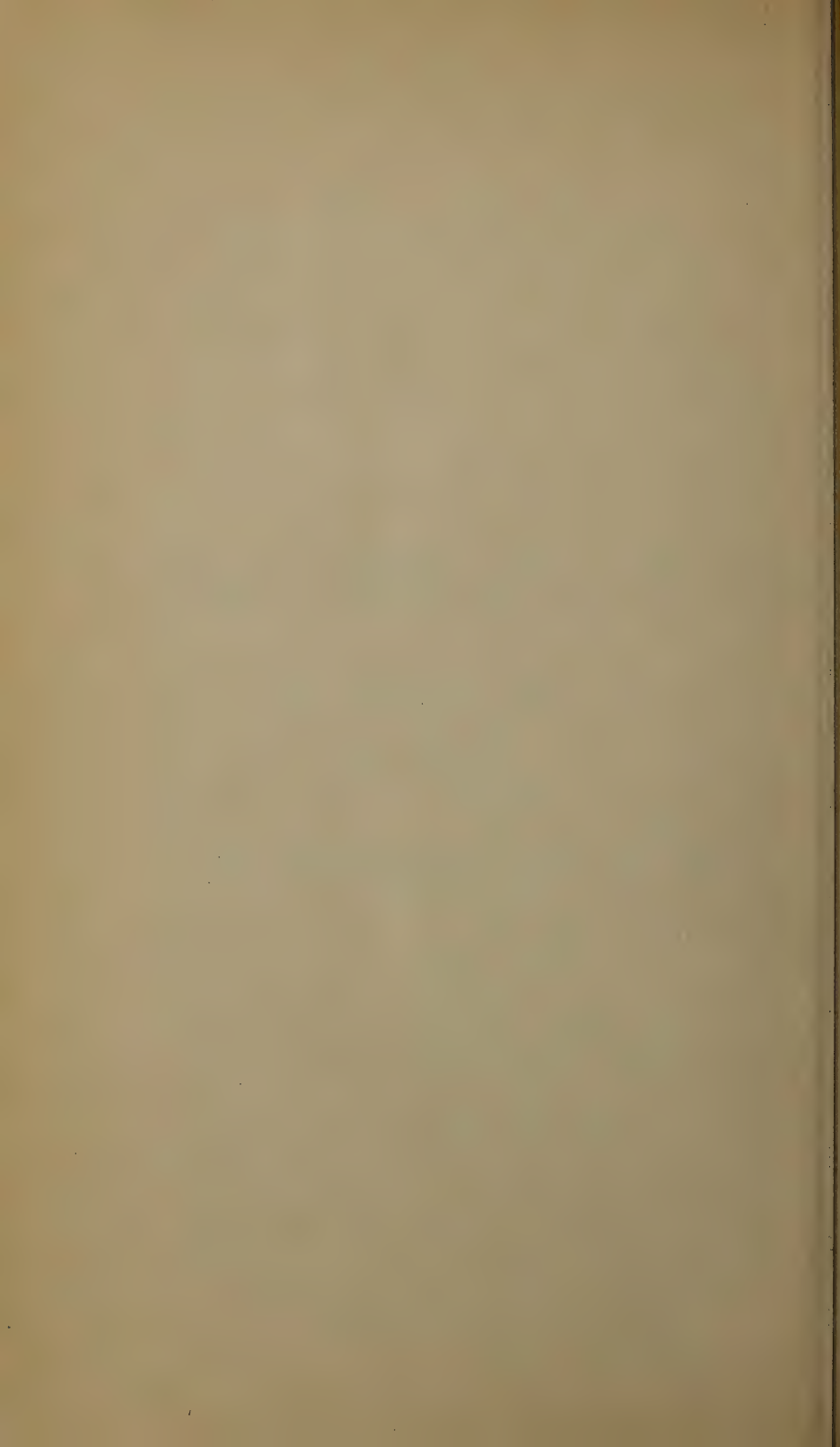
OF THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH,

ALSO

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1890.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The fourth annual report of the Water Commissioners is hereby presented to the citizens of Randolph; also the report of the Superintendent for the year ending Feb. 28, 1890.

During the past year the principal extension of the pipe has been on South Main Street, and a portion of Depot Street.

But few leaks have developed on the main line during the entire year, and those have been easily repaired.

The stand pipe in Holbrook has been repainted and is now in good condition.

The stand pipe in Randolph will require painting the coming year.

The hydrants and gates have all been examined and tested by the Superintendent and are believed to be in perfect working order.

The pumping engine and machinery, built by the Holly Manufacturing Co., of Lockport, N. Y., under their first contract, not having been accepted by Mr. M. M. Tidd, the engineer of the Randolph and Holbrook water works, said Company proposed to build an entire new pumping engine, and until the same was completed and in working order to the satisfaction of said engineer, the said towns of Randolph and Holbrook were to have the use, free of expense, of the pumping engine already in operation. After a delay of nearly two years, on the thirteenth day of February, the present year, the new pumping engine was completed and, after a thorough trial, was approved by the engineer and accepted by the Water Commissioners.

It is but due to the parties representing the Holly Manufacturing Co. to state that from the time the first contract was made with them, they have acted honorably and endeavored to fulfil the conditions of their contract in every particular.

The Commissioners at the present time have under consideration the purchase of another pumping engine and boiler as was originally contemplated, so that in case of accident or needed repairs upon the engine or boiler now in operation, the supply of water for fire and other purposes would not be cut off.

During the year ending Feb. 28, 1890, the number of water takers has increased from 229 to 394.

The gross income received from water takers for the fifteen months ending Feb. 28, 1889, was \$3,282.90; for the twelve months ending Feb. 28, 1890, was \$3,794.16.

For statistical and other important information in relation to the Water Department, see report of the Superintendent.

The suits brought by the mill owners on Monatiquot river against the towns of Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook have been entered for trial at the civil session of the Superior Court, to be holden at Dedham, on the first Monday in May next. Hon. William Gaston and Asa P. French, Esq., have been retained as counsel for the towns of Randolph and Holbrook.

The action brought by John T. Langford in the Middlesex County Superior Court to recover the sum of \$24,325.29, a balance claimed to be due him for laying pipes, was referred to Judge Edmund H. Bennett, of Boston, as Auditor, and after a hearing occupying several days, the decision of the Auditor was in favor of the towns of Randolph and Holbrook, since which time no further action has been taken towards a settlement by said plaintiff.

Under Section 6, Chapter 217, of the Acts of the Legislature for the year 1885, the town is required each year to make a contribution to the sinking fund, which, with the ac-

cumulations thereof, will provide for the payment of the water bonds at maturity.

The amount already invested for said purpose consists of

Three 4 1-2 per cent. Fitchburg railroad bonds, \$1,000 each	\$3,000 00
Six Town of Randolph 4 per cent. water bonds, \$1,000 each	6,000 00
Three Old Colony railroad 4 per cent. registered bonds, \$1,000 each	3,000 00
One Maine Central bond of \$500	500 00
Deposited in Randolph Savings Bank	134 98
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	\$12,634 98

The commissioners recommend an appropriation the ensuing year for the following purposes:

For Sinking Fund	\$3,575 00
For interest on water loan	1,500 00
For hydrant and other services	2,000 00
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	\$7,075 00

Six thousand (\$6,000) dollars of the bonds authorized under Chapter 138 of the Acts of the year 1888 have been sold the past year at a premium of \$290; accrued interest on the same, \$73.31.

Ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars of said bonds remain unsold.

Receipts on Account of Water Works for the year ending Feb. 28, 1890:

Town of Randolph (bonds)	\$6,000 00
Premium on same	290 00
Interest	73 31
Town of Randolph (appropriation, hydrants, etc.	2,000 00
Service pipe, account	1,350 17
Water rates	3,794 16
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	\$13,507 64

EXPENDITURES. — MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

"Joint Works."

Paid C. H. Cole, labor	\$3 00
E. J. Chadbourne, salary as Superintendent	1,200 00
E. J. Chadbourne, rent of stable	60 00
E. J. Chadbourne, cash paid and expenses	20 75
E. J. T. Dexter, engineer at pumping station	799 92
E. J. T. Dexter, stationery and car fare	1 60
Frank H. Langley, labor and material	10 90
John L. Burke, painting	50
C A. Wales, labor and material	45 75
James Riley, repairing trenches	11 60
O. C. R. R. Co., freight	28
C. H. Mann, manure and labor	23 75
C. H. Belcher, supplies	18 50
A. J. Gove, team hire, expressing, etc.	25 20
S. B. Woodman, labor and material	21 75
Seth Mann, 2d, insurance	42 75
J. White Belcher, "	42 75
Walworth Manufacturing Co., supplies	111 41
A. B. Johnson, painting wagon	10 00
H. B. Libby, labor and material	5 06
Walter E. White, grain supplies	77 40
E. A. Tabor, labor	19 50
George Goodhue, "	73 75
Wait, Williams & Co., oil	34 30
F. J. Witherell, labor and supplies	36 10

Paid Chandler & Gleason, hay and ex-

pressing	\$48 54
D. B. White, coal	555 95
C. H. McCarter, labor	53 90
S. B. Corliss, labor and material	67 12
Chapman Valve Man'f'g Co., s'plies	3 66
L. P. Jordan, labor	5 50
R. F. Thresher, "	2 00
Burbank & Rider, paint	59 20
C. E. Higgins, painting	115 00
Gilchrist & Gorham, supplies . .	4 19
Waldo Bros., cement	2 65
Coffin Valve Co., labor	4 00
Cunningham Iron Co., stock and labor,	137 93
Frank E. Wilde, hay	4 00
S. W. Schofield, labor	2 50
Boston Woven Hose Co., supplies	1 70
White and Crooker, hay, express- ing, board of horse	46 61
Cameo Caso, labor	46 00
M. Murphy, labor	2 60
Wales Bros., hitching post	4 00
A. F. McCabe, labor	2 50
George T. Wilde, supplies	1 62
J. E. Nickerson, "	79
J. W. Porter, coal	545 42
Mrs. Kate Adams, supplies	4 50
H. Diman, "	2 00
Chelmsford Foundry Co., stock and labor	7 60

Total	\$4,428 00
One half paid by each town . .	2,214 00

\$2,214 00

EXPENDITURES.—CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.**“Joint Works.”**

Paid Holly Man'f'ing Co., pumping engine and boiler . . .	\$7,850 00	
Randolph Granite Works, foundation for pump, etc. . .	620 84	
Barney Doonan, labor . . .	328 88	
George S. Wilde, “ . . .	47 50	
Gaston & Whitney, professional services	100 00	
M. M. Tidd, engineer . . .	727 11	
George Goodhue, labor and material	5 77	
Walworth Man'f'g Co., supplies . . .	8 13	
A. J. Gove, team hire . . .	7 00	
Total	\$9,695 23	
One half paid by each town . . .	4,847 62	
		\$4,847 61

MAINTENANCE, “RANDOLPH WORKS.”

Paid J. White Belcher, services for year ending April 1, 1889 . . .	250 00
Peter B. Hand, services for year ending April 1, 1889 . . .	250 00
Cornelius McMahon, balance for services year ending April 1, 1889	120 00
Peter B. Hand, expenses and cash paid	17 85
Cornelius McMahon, expenses . . .	6 00
N. F. Goldsmith, rent of Superintendent's office, June 1, 1888 to Jan. 1, 1890 . . .	134 59

Paid John L. Burke, painting hydrants	\$13 65	
C. A. Wales, labor and material	10 50	
Frank H. Langley, rep'ring tools	50	
E. J. Chadbourne, postage .	6 60	
James Riley, repairing trenches	5 37	
George Goodhue, labor and material	23 75	
D. H. Huxford, printing . .	17 50	
A. J. Gove, expressing . .	9 40	
Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co., supplies	6 73	
Colin Boyd, labor	4 00	
Edwin M. Mann, wood . . .	3 00	
Peter B. Hand, on account of services, for year ending April 1, 1890,	200 00	
Cornelius McMahon, on account services, for year ending April 1, 1890,	150 00	
Geo. R. Weaver, repairing trenches,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,230 44

Construction. "Randolph Works."

Paid Builders' Iron Foundry Co. special castings	87 30	
George Goodhue, trenching and laying pipes	2,990 04	
Chapman Valve Mnfg. Co., hydrants and gates	488 24	
M. J. Drummond, pipe . . .	2,805 80	
O. C. R. R. Co. freight . . .	261 03	
Dennis Doonan, labor . . .	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$6,635 91

Construction. "Service Pipes."

Paid George Goodhue, trenching and laying pipe,	\$1,074 39	
Boston Lead Co. pipe	23 80	
Paid Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	255 95	
Gilchrist, Gorham and Co., pipe and fittings	255 54	
Dalton & Ingersoll, fitting	55 00	
O. C. R. R. Co., freight	7 61	
	<hr/>	1,672 29
Total,		\$16,600 25
Paid for Holbrook on joint bills refunded,		18 12
for Holbrook,		1 50
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Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer,		\$16,619 87

J. WHITE BELCHER
 PETER B. HAND,
 CORNELIUS McMAHON,
Water Commissioners of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 12, 1890.

The undersigned auditors of the town of Randolph, have examined the accounts of the Water Commissioners, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the treasurer.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,
 WILLIAM J. LONG.
 THOMAS A. KENNEDY.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Commissioners of Randolph Waterworks:—

Gentlemen, — The following is my report for the year ending February 28, 1890, which I present you in accordance with the usual custom.

Our water mains are in first class condition. No breaks of any great magnitude have occurred during the past year. The re-calking of joints that were leaking has been done in most cases without shutting off the water, thereby causing no inconvenience to water takers.

Stand Pipes.

A break in the flange of the twelve inch pipe that was rivetted to the bottom of the Holbrook stand pipe occurred during the month of August. The break was caused by an uneven bearing of a bottom section; the fault has been remedied, and no further trouble from that source is apprehended. While the repairs were being made the inside of the stand pipe was cleaned, and two coats of paint applied. The paint was mixed and prepared especially for the purpose, and has proved to be all the manufacturers claimed. Owing to the lateness in the season it was thought best to defer the painting of the Randolph stand pipe until the coming spring. I would recommend that the outsides of both stand pipes be painted as early as the season and weather permit. A stone wall was built on three sides of the Holbrook stand pipe lot the past summer; the stones used for the construction were taken from the surface of the lot. The grounds, at a small cost, can be graded and made more attractive.

At the Pond.

The water has upheld an unusual height the entire year. The pumping has not perceptibly lowered the water in Great Pond, and probably will not for some time to come. The quality has maintained its usual purity, and with ordinary care I see no reason why our water supply should be second to any lake in our state that is being used for the same purpose. In October a waste way was constructed at the dam, until then there was no way to relieve the pressure that a heavy flood would subject the dam to.

Pumping Station.

A few necessary repairs have been made to the building during the past year. A new Gaskill pumping engine was put in this winter on a substantial granite foundation built by S. B. Corliss of Randolph. The pump was built by the Holly Manufacturing Co., of Lockport, N.Y. In appearance it is not unlike the one put in by the same builder two years ago. It has a pumping capacity of 2,000,000 gallons per twenty-four hours, and has pumped at the rate of 2,500,000. The new pump has been running a part of the time since January 1, and is doing good work. For ten months, from March 1, 1889, to January 1, 1890, the old engine pumped 45,391,300 gallons of water in 643 hours and 50 minutes with 317,385 pounds of coal, including coal used for starting and banking fires against a head of 280 feet, including friction. Amount of water pumped with one pound of coal was 143 gallons, and gives a duty for the engine of raising 46,945,378 pounds of water one foot high with 100 pounds of coal. We have every reason to believe that with our new engine we shall reduce the amount of coal burned. Following is a table showing the work for each of the ten months with the old engine.

	Length of Run.		Coal burned	Gallons
	Hours.	Min.	in lbs.	pumped.
March,	47	10	24,830	3,493,700
April,	47	50	26,060	3,410,992
May,	63	50	30,035	4,402,062
June,	71	55	34,790	4,950,780
July,	82	10	37,135	5,881,134
August,	69	45	35,420	5,225,716
September,	70	30	37,245	5,399,648
October,	69	00	32,530	4,678,520
November,	57	40	28,645	4,096,836
December,	64	00	30,695	3,851,912
Total,	643	50	317,385	45,391,300

March 14, 1889, at an inspection made by the engineer, Mr. E. J. Dexter, of the boiler a blister eight by eighteen inches was found. Boiler makers were at once secured, and repairs made as quickly as possible. Not until March 20, 9 o'clock, P.M., were we able to commence pumping again. Had a fire occurred in either of our towns during the last two days of making repairs the water that was stored in the stand pipe would early have been exhausted. I would most earnestly recommend the putting in of a second boiler at an early day.

Fire Hydrants.

Twelve new hydrants have been put in the past year. All were thoroughly cleaned and painted. In November the hydrants were opened and flushed out, and those that did not waste were put in working order. Late in the fall a hydrant on North Street was run over and broken by a stray team, and was replaced with a new one. At the present time the hydrants are in good condition.

New Extensions.

Mr. George Goodhue of Concord, N.H., was awarded the

contract for laying of water mains, setting hydrants and gates, and the putting in of services. The work was satisfactorily done. Names of streets that were laid the past year, with lengths of mains.

South Main Street,	6676.5 feet	. 6 inch
Maple “	84 “	. 6 inch
Railroad “	541 “	. 4 inch
To Almshouse from		
Pleasant Street,	466 “	. 4 inch
Allen Court,	135 “	. 1 inch

Location of Gates and Hydrants.

	GATES.		HYDRANTS.	
	6 in.	4 in.	6 in.	4 in.
South Main Street	2	1	10	
Rail Road Street		1		1
Almshouse		1		1

Service Pipe.

We have made eighty-four taps, laying 5005 feet of 3-4 inch, and 39.5 feet of 1 inch pipe and are now supplying

394 families,
 1 church,
 4 school-houses,
 3 halls,
 10 stores and offices,
 2 laundries,
 2 hotels,
 6 boilers and power,
 1 bakery,
 5 green-houses,
 3 public stables,
 19 private stables,
 4 drinking fountains and troughs.

Receipts on Account of Water and Service Pipe.

Whole amount received for the year ending Feb. 28.

Cash from Water,	.	.	.	.	\$3,804 66
Cash from Service Pipe,	.	.	.	.	1,344 49
Cash from Mdse. and Junk,	.	.	.	.	6 93

 \$5,156 08

Cash to H. C. Alden, Treas. \$5,149 33

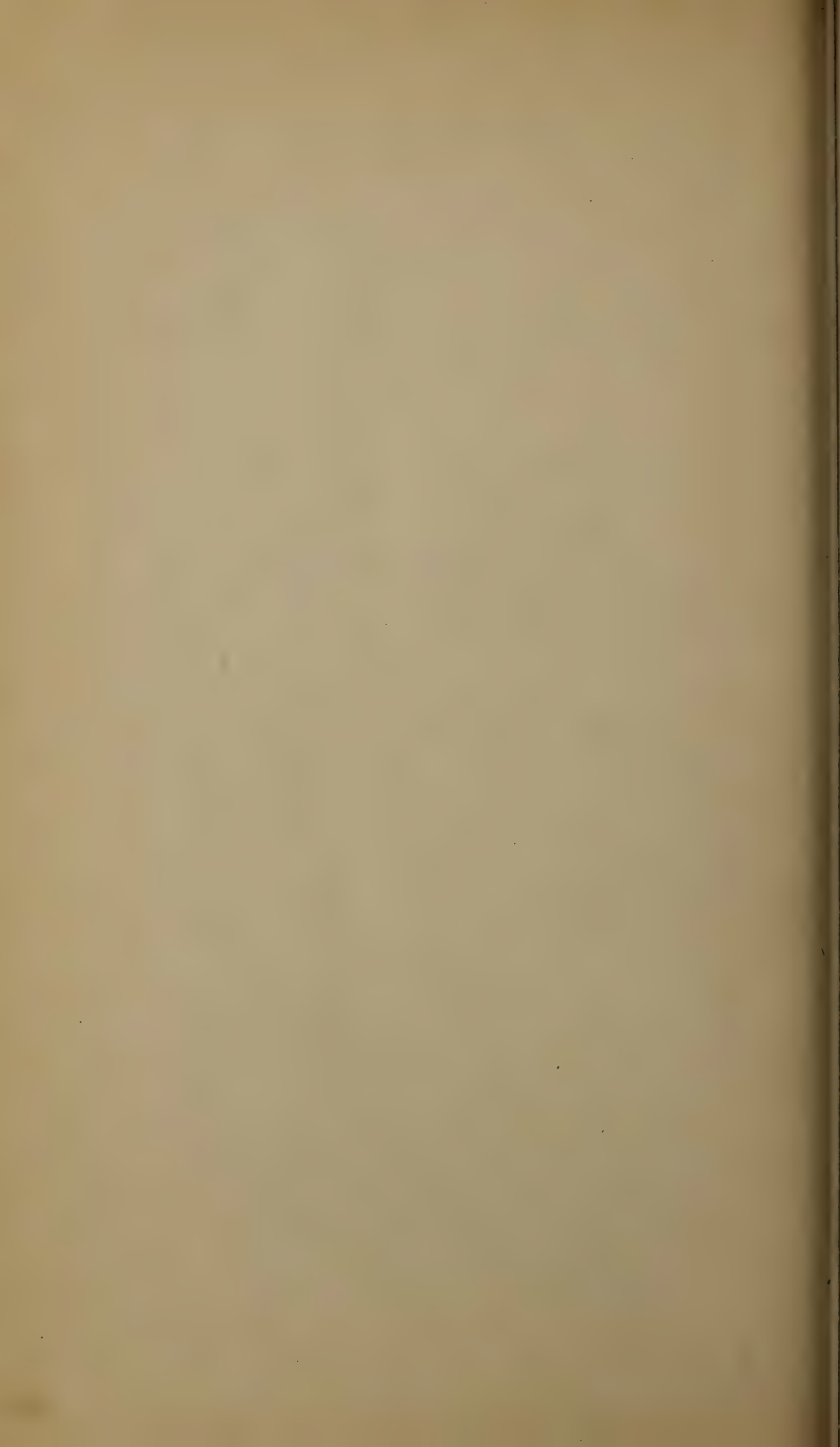
Cash refunded, . . . 6 75

 \$5,156 08

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CHADBOURNE,

Superintendent.



TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR. TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT
1890. March.

Paid Town Orders,	\$53,094 26
Treasury notes,	30,682 28
Interest on notes,	1,130 59
Interest on water bonds,	4,390 00
Water Commissioners net proceeds of bonds issued,	6,463 31
Water Commissioners on account of sink- ing fund,	3,575 00
State Treasurer, state tax,	\$2,380 00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	3,280 56
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	5 79
County Treasurer, county tax,	5,666 35
Expense:	1,507 28
T. T. Cushman, returning births,	75
A. L. Chase, returning births,	4 00
O. M. Sheridan, returning births,	75
W. M. Babbitt, returning births,	75
C. C. Farnham, returning births,	75
E. P. Linfield, returning births,	25
E. A. Allen, returning births,	3 50
F. C. Granger, returning births,	8 50
Ralph Houghton, returning deaths,	23 50
Town Clerk, returning births, mar- riages, and deaths,	57 30
Town Treasurer,	300 00
Thorp, Adams & Co.,	7 50
Town Clerk on election returns,	5 00
Stamps and Stationery,	5 00
	<hr/> 417 55
	\$106,926 62
*Balance,	9,907 78
	<hr/> \$116,834 40
*T. Dolan, balance tax, 1889,	\$8,671 13
Cash, bills paid,	1,236 65
	<hr/> \$9,907 78

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

CR.

1890. March.

Received for treasury notes,	\$44,582 28	
for bank dividends, ,	80 00	
for interest on bonds issued,	1,020 29	
for dog licenses, County Treasurer,	539 26	
for billiard and pool licenses,	12 00	
for auctioneer licenses,	2 00	
for water bonds issued,	6,000 00	
for use of lockup,	37 50	
for rent of Ponkapog Pond,	10 00	
of S.S. Committee for lumber sold,	67 25	
of District Court for fees of J. P. Rooney, Constable,	6 02	
of T. Dolan, Tax Collector, for additional taxes, 1888,	31 30	
of State Treasurer:		
Corporation tax,	\$54 31	
Corporation Tax,	3,931 00	
State Pauper,	5 00	
National Bank Tax,	2,986 06	
State Aid,	630 00	
Military Aid,	1,608 00	
State School Fund,	175 42	9,389 79
of City of Boston, pauper account,	10 00	
of Town of Methuen, " "	57 00	
of City of Taunton, " "	7 00	
of Town of Avon, " "	62 67	
of City of Quincy, " "	7 25	
of Town of Canton, " "	22 00	
of Town of Braintree, " "	5 00	
of Town Farm, " "	141 50	
of Town of Weymouth " "	28 75	
of Town of Holbrook, " " military aid,	1,487 06	
of Town of Easton, " "	169 00	
of Selectmen for sundry accounts,	1,750 69	
of Town of Beverly, pauper account,	36 00	
for salt grass sold,	10 00	
Tax bill, 1889,	41,420 40	
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		\$116,834 40

State of the Treasury.

1590. March.	DR.	
Town Notes outstanding		\$33,500 00
Water Bonds		110,000 00
Interest due on bonds and notes		2,700 00
Unpaid bills and firemen		1,500 00
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		\$147,700 00

1890. March.	CR.	
Coddington Fund:		
Bank Stock	1,600 00	
Salt Marsh	500 00	
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		\$2,100 00
Due from F. Dolan, tax collector, tax of 1889		8,671 13
In hands of Treasurer, cash and bills paid .		1,236 65
Due for State Aid		1,654 00
Military Aid		1,361 00
Due from other towns		496 97
Amount of sinking fund for Water Bonds .		10,694 98
Balance		121,485 27
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		\$147,700 00

RANDOLPH, March 11, 1890.

The undersigned auditors of the town of Randolph respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers and entries for all payments and receipts.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,
WILLIAM J. LONG,
THOMAS A. KENNEDY.

Randolph Water Works in account with Hiram C. Alden
Treasurer.

1889.	Balance,		\$3530 85
May,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	\$121 21	
	for water-rates,	19 00	
		<hr/>	140 21
June,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	121 36	
	for water-rates,	194 66	
		<hr/>	316 02
July,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	473 41	
	for water-rates,	817 00	
		<hr/>	1,290 41
	for water-rates,		1,044 50
	Received of the Town of Randolph		
	for net proceeds of Bonds sold,		4,278 87
	Received of the Town of Randolph for		
	water connections with almshouse,		244 86
	Received of Randolph National Bank		
	for interest on deposit, Mar., April,		
	May, June, and July,		34 02
August,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	57 95	
	for water-rates,	33 50	
		<hr/>	91 45
Sept.,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	55 97	
	for water-rates,	25 75	
		<hr/>	81 72
October,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	151 83	
	for water-rates,	36 09	
		<hr/>	187 92

Novem.,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	\$159 68	
	for water-rates,	26 16	
		<hr/>	185 84
Decem.,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	134 97	
	for water-rates,	209 00	
		<hr/>	343 97
1890.			
January,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	55 81	
	for water-rates,	1,392 50	
		<hr/>	1,448 31
Feb.,	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for water connections,	11 05	
	for water-rates,	1 00	
		<hr/>	12 05
	Received of E. J. Chadbourne, Supt.,		
	for old junk and metal sold, . . .		6 93
January,	Received of Town of Randolph on		
	account of water service, hydrants,		
	etc.,		2,000 00
	Received of Town of Randolph, for		
	net proceeds of Bonds sold, . . .		2,184 44
	Received of Randolph National Bank		
	for interest,—August, September,		
	October and November, . . .		13 25
	Received of Town of Randolph, inter-		
	est on loan,		9 56
		<hr/>	\$17,445 18

1889.

CR.

Paid sundry orders drawn by the	
Water Commissioners, May	
June and July,	\$7,777 44

Aug.	sundry orders,	.	.	.	\$1,483 86
Sept.	"	"	.	.	400 73
Oct.	"	"	.	.	315 71
Nov.	"	"	.	.	403 65
Dec.	"	"	.	.	393 10
1890.					
Jan.	"	"	.	.	1227 65
Feb.	"	"	.	.	4,623 98
	Balance,	.	.		819 06
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					\$17,445 18

RANDOLPH, March 12, 1890.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, have this day examined the accounts of Hiram C. Alden, Treasurer of the Water Works Commissioners, and find the same correct, and the cash balance to be as stated above.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY,
WILLIAM J. LONG.
THOMAS A. KENNEDY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WATER LOAN SINKING FUND.

1889	DR.	
Balance		\$188 62
May Received interest on Randolph Water Bonds		80 00
Sept. Received interest on Fitchburg R. R. Bonds		67 50
Oct. Received of Town of Randolph amount voted at annual meeting, Apr., '89, . . .		3,575 00
Received interest on same from Apr. 23d to October 11		66 73
Nov. Received interest on Randolph Water Bonds		80 00
1890.		
Feb. 21. Received of O. C. R. R., Registered interest on bonds		60 00
Received of Randolph Savings Bank, div.		10 88
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		\$4,128 73

1889.	CR.	
Oct. Paid for Old Colony Railroad Bonds,		\$3,335 00
Paid for Maine Central Railroad Bonds,		598 75
Balance		194 98
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		\$4,128 73

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Amount to credit of sinking fund invested as follows:
 Three Coupon Bonds of the Fitchburg Railroad,
 \$1000 each, 4 1-2 per cent., . . . \$3,000 00

Four (4) Coupon Bonds of the town of Randolph, \$1000 each, 4 per cent.,	\$4,000 00
One (1) Bond of the Old Colony Railroad, regis- tered, 4 per cent.,	3,000 00
One (1) Coupon Bond, Maine Central Railroad, 6 per cent.,	500 00
Randolph Savings Bank,	194 98
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	\$10,694 98

RANDOLPH, March 12, 1890.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, have examined the sinking fund statement of Hiram C. Alden, Treasurer, and find the same correct.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY.

WILLIAM J. LONG.

THOMAS A. KENNEDY.

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Randolph in 1889.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan.		
23	Thomas F. Kiley . . .	Thomas F. and Joanna (Creaton).
27	Alice J. Sullivan . . .	Patrick J. and Mary E. (Brennan).
5	Minnie Wahl . . .	John and Minnie (Bookwood).
1	Frank J. Creaty . . .	Anthony and Katie (O'Connell).
5	Louis Elmer Mann . . .	Frederick H. and Mehitabel (Tuttle).
Feb.		
17	Olive M. Marcelle . . .	John C. and Winnie A. (Hughes).
28	Gerald Farrell . . .	Gerald and Mary C. (Keefe).
4	Frank Hagney . . .	Arthur and Mary E. (Kiley).
27	Norman Fritts Baker . . .	Minot W. and Emma A. (Fritts).
22	Gladys Maria Jones . . .	James M. and Sarah M. (Whitten).
7	Frank William McAuley . . .	Charles E. and Emma L. (Hunting).
Mar.		
20	Gertrude L. Young . . .	Charles E. and Minnie (Knight).
3	Alice Roddan . . .	John T. and Nellie (Sullivan).
20	Gertrude C. Welsh . . .	Thomas C. and Lizzie F. (Patten).
3	Edward Poliguin . . .	Robert W. and Mary A. (Doran).
2	Florence Gove Fowler . . .	J. Sumner and Alice C. (Gove).
12	— Crane . . .	Clift and Carrie J. (Johnson).
19	Hugh A. McMahon . . .	William and Hannah (Foley).
April		
16	Mary R. McAuliffe . . .	William F. and Katie L. (Wall).
24	Catherine E. Forrest . . .	Richard Jr. and Mary E. (Kane).
13	Royal Leslie Mann . . .	Edwin M. and Jennie H. (Taber).
14	Josephine E. Long . . .	Edward and Annie E. (Pryor).
12	Mary Francis Mulligan . . .	Luke F. and Bridget A. (Harty).
26	Marguerite Shepard . . .	William H. and Mary E. (Connors).
5	William J. Curran . . .	John M. and Elizabeth A. (Lyons).
17	Charles Stephen Foley . . .	David J. and Kate F. (Dolan).
May		
14	Francis Lillian Conley . . .	John A. and Catharine.
22	Joseph Kiley . . .	Patrick M. and Letitia (Ray).
15	Mary Bertha Shields . . .	William and Jennie A. (Peirce).
4	Augustus T. Wentworth . . .	Frank E. and Henrietta (Ela).
11	Margaret Curran . . .	Thomas S. and Mary F. (Riley)."
11	Thomas S. Curran . . .	"
31	Catharine E. Schraut . . .	Simon and Ann Maria (Byer).
18	Joseph Brady . . .	Andrew J. and Mary E. (Fox).
3	— Haney . . .	John and Martha (McMullen).
June		
11	Mary Grace Rudderham . . .	John E. and Frances (McLean).
4	John Dooley O'Brien . . .	James H. and Mary J. (Dooley).
27	Leo Sullivan . . .	James F. and Mary E. (Foley).
27	Blanche M. Jones . . .	William M. and Delia (Leonard).
2	Mary Tanner Welsh . . .	Elias and Mary V. (Dillon).
28	Levi Franklin Coleman . . .	John Franklin and Ida (Linfield).
21	Charles Henry Johnson . . .	George M. and Hannah C. (Burrell).
July		
14	William J. O'Keefe . . .	William F. and Julia A. (Crosby).

DATE	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
July		
18	Joseph McManus . . .	Edward and Elizabeth A. (Donahue).
11	Norman Francis Campbell	William and Rose (Ward).
6	Frank Addison Bradley .	Seth D. and Abby B. (Drury).
10	—— Halpin . . .	James and Honora (McInery).
Aug.		
26	Mary Burke . . .	John L. and Elizabeth A. (Meighan).
18	Almon Lester Thayer .	John A. and Sarah M. (Wrightington).
1	Lena Grace Langley .	Frank H. and Annie (Higgins).
19	Duncan Labaree Henderson	Duncan and Margaret (McKinnon).
20	Alton George Michaels .	George E. and Mary T. (Jordan).
Sept.		
6	Nicholas Lennihan . . .	Nicholas and Mary E. (Casey).
9	Thomas Arthur Dee . . .	Thomas D. and Elizabeth A. (Simms).
29	Marion E. Abbott . . .	William A. and Alice M. (Heywood).
6	Edith M. Finley . . .	John and Annie L. (Horton).
25	—— Scott . . .	Arthur L. and Eunice E. (Holbrook).
6	William Augustus Beyett .	Joseph I. and Jennie D. (Cook).
2	Bessie Louise Payne . .	Lewis B. and Marion A. (Dyer).
Oct.		
26	Marguerite Shay . . .	John A. and Maggie (Meaney).
23	Arthur C. Cross . . .	Ruel F. and Afanette F. (Paddock).
27	Patrick Madigan . . .	Patrick and Ellen (Scanlon).
19	William Brown . . .	John J. and Anne M. (Mackadon).
9	William Dyer (illegitimate)	—— and Jennie R. Adams.
9	James Francis Maley . .	Crohan and Mary E. (Donahue).
4	—— Sloan . . .	Peter S. and Lydia C. (Goldthwait).
10	Rufie John Bacigalupo .	Gastino A. and Jennie (Church).
28	Charles Wilson Lyons . .	C. Fred and Mary Louise (Belcher).
23	Bernard William Brady .	James and Margaret (Cahill).
Nov.		
4	Mary E. Devine . . .	Edward and Mary F. (Flaherty).
11	John Edward Sutton . .	John H. and Mary E. McDonald.
8	Thomas Hand . . .	Peter B. and Margaret F. (Rooney).
28	William Rehil Long . . .	James F. and Mary J. (Hand).
3	—— Mahoney . . .	John T. and Elizabeth T. (Norton).
1	Helena Morgan . . .	Edward H. and Bridget A. (Shay).
12	—— Smith . . .	William and Margaret J. (Oliver).
28	Ellen Josephine Manning .	John T. and Lizzie M. (Greene).
12	—— Sloan . . .	Charles V. and Emily A. (Mann).
Dec.		
24	Leo Grover Peirce . . .	Leonard E. and Mary A. (Kirk).
23	Gertrude Neary . . .	James E. and Annie C. (DeNeil).

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Randolph in 1889.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Jan. 1	Patrick J. Sheehan, Ellen J. Welsh,	Randolph, "	26 26
3	Edward J. T. Dexter, Caroline F. Collins,	" Quincy,	27 26
9	Chipman O'Brien, Alberta Martin,	Randolph, "	25 22
15	William H. Shepard, Mary E. Connors,	" "	23 20
30	Luke Mulligan, Bridget A. Harty,	Braintree, Randolph,	26 21
Feb. 13	Hubert Mann, Lillian Mann,	" Canton,	32 18
March 4	Thomas J. Strickland, Alice C. Kennedy,	Randolph, "	33 25
April 17	Arthur M. Towns, Alice G. Leach,	" Holbrook,	22 18
25	Charles H. Morse, Kate Hewson,	Randolph, Concord, Mass.,	27 20
21	John A. Shea, Maggie N. Meaney,	Randolph, "	23 20
May 16	Thomas Henry Perkins, Jennie Mabel Otis,	Brockton, Randolph,	22 21
17	John C. Coleman, Ida M. Linfield,	Hudson, Randolph,	22 18
16	James Richard Barton, Joanna Maria Dunn,	No. Easton, Randolph,	27 21
23	Edward B. Dench, Theresa C. Kinsley,	" "	27 24
27	Arthur E. Southworth, Susan A. Riordan,	Brockton, "	26 21
June 5	Clarence Niles Goward, Clara Wales Alden,	Easton, Randolph,	24 26

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
June			
8	Wentworth F. Killum, Mary E. Poole,	Cambridge, Randolph.	23 18
16	George V. Noyes, Grace Brazee;	"	22 18
17	Fred C. Bromade, Louise M. Lothrop,	"	32 32
17	Daniel Leahy, Jr., Sarah E. Sullivan (Bennison)	"	34 34
17	James F. Peirce, Anna C. Dooley,	Quincy, Randolph,	29 23
26	Charles J. Flynn, Mary C. Carroll,	"	27 26
27	John Hannerberry, Hannah Lally,	Somerset, Randolph,	27 26
July			
1	Patrick H. Deane, Lizzie F. Cokeley,	"	24 26
3	Edward H. Morgan, Bridget A. Shea,	Randolph, "	29 24
Aug.			
14	Charles F. Lyons, M. Louisa Belcher,	"	22 20
22	John P. Sullivan, Nellie A. Dolan,	So. Braintree, Randolph,	23 23
Sept.			
3	Joseph Fagan, Ora Leonard,	Holbrook, "	19 15
10	James Carney, Mary A. Gibbons,	Randolph, "	30 24
Oct.			
2	William A. Welsh, Lizzie A. Whidden (Day),	"	24 32
3	John W. Kelly, Maria L. Hall (Howard, Reed)	"	65 52
9	Arthur L. Sanford, S. Lizzie Kenniston,	Milton, Randolph,	20 22
14	James A. McLeer, Mary E. Goeres,	Brooklyn, N. Y., Randolph,	25 25
21	John M. Sullivan, Mary A. Leach,	"	30 29

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE
Oct. 22	Daniel J. Brennan, Bridget M. Rooney,	“	28
			27
28	Bradley D. Boston, Helen F. Martin,	Portland, Me., Randolph,	33
			24
Nov. 1	Joseph Shackett, Ada Harris,	Brockton, “	39
			38
6	Asa Reed, Jr., Louisa Catherine Jarvis,	Holbrook, Randolph,	28
			22
7	Michael P. Sullivan, Jane A. Strickland,	“	29
			31
20	Herbert W. Hersey, Nellie J. Sargent,	Hingham, Randolph,	22
			20
26	John Desmond, Jr., Annie Rosinham,	“ Holbrook,	29
			26
27	John H. Lentell, Mary Lizzie Stanley,	Canton, Randolph,	28
			30
27	Eddie C. Young, L. Maria Corliss,	“	28
			30
26	Ellsworth L. Pierce, Mary Kirk,	“	27
			23
28	John J. Gorman, Mary A. Sullivan,	Abington, Randolph,	27
			26
Dec. 19	Emory A. Allen, Helen F. Granger,	“ Boston,	70
			49
21	Charles E. Kennedy, Lizzie N. Spear,	Randolph, Brockton,	23
			19
Sept. 11	Orrin E. Reynolds, Rose E. Stetson,	Randolph, “	19
			19
April 6	George F. Best, Blanche C. Locke,	Boston, “	22
			20
Oct. 17	Joseph C. Hamilton, Hannah E. Barry,	Swampscott, Randolph,	23
			23
1888.			
Nov. 27	Ralph Ranny Mary E. Brady,	Boston, Randolph,	20
			18
Sept. 28	John T. Manning, Lizzie M. Greene,	“	23
			23

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Randolph in 1889.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE			DISEASE.
		Y	M	D	
Jan'y					
21	Maurice F. Shea,	28	4	4	Consumption
7	Annie McPherson,	18			Typhoid Fever
26	Thomas J. Foley,	24	1	25	Pulmonary Phthisis
Feb'y					
1	Margaret Welsh (Brennan),	85			Old Age
3	Charles F. McMahon,	28		20	Consumption
3	Ralph Raney,		2	9	Asthma
7	Catharine M. Miller, (Neaman)	78	8	23	Old Age
11	Nora Frances Purcell,		2	15	Marasmus
15	Catharine Thayer (Paine),	83	4		Old Age
15	David Irving,	63		13	Pneumonia
16	Elizabeth E. Taylor,	1	8	12	Pneumonia
22	Frances McMath,	69	8	27	Old Age
23	Edward Shay,	72			Pneumonia
26	Winslow Bartles,	70	4	27	Heart Disease
24	Margery M. Devine,	28	5	27	Consumption
28	Catharine McDonald (Dignan)	60			Apoplexy
March					
3	Margaret A. Rooney (Reilly)	34	5	1	Pluro Pneumonia
4	Elmer H. Mann,		2		Tuberculosis
5	Mary Reilly (McMahon)	36	10	27	Pluro Pneumonia
11	Simeon S. Niles,	49	8	3	Hemorrhage
14	Ellen F. Palmer (Burrell)	57	3	8	Apoplexy
17	Patrick McMahon,	60			Unknown
24	Charles Hart,	45			Killed on Railroad
April					
7	Honora Rustlow (Barry)	78			Asthma
9	Francis McLaughlin,	9	1	13	Diphtheria
9	Minot L. Beal,	30	7	9	Epilepsy
10	Michael Sullivan,	31	9	28	Phthisis
20	Michael T. Burke,	38			Bronchial Catarrh
28	Louise A. Fellman (Schaffer)	67		6	Jaundice
30	Margaret Ford (Rooney)	34	8		Pneumonia
May					
3	Martha A. Haney (McMullen)	42	5	9	Ruptura Uteri
3	Patrick Haney,				Stillborn
4	Susan A. King (Bowditch)	53	5		Congestion of Lungs
6	Charles T. Powderly,	41	3	21	Phthisis Pulmonalis
11	Margaret Curran (Twin)		1		Cyanosis
12	Sarah A. Eddy (Goldthwait)	56	2	12	Heart Disease
17	Jane M. Hunt (Lapham)	74	5	7	Pleurisy
22	Bridget F. Purcell (Welsh)	29	9		Bright's Disease
23	Ellen Dunphy,	1	6	13	Marasmus
28	Mary Logue, (McGarron)	86			Old Age
29	— Purcell,		7		Premature Birth
June					
9	Matthew Clark,	84	4	10	Old Age, Abdom'l Tumor
23	Thomas A. Hoye,	21	8	24	Phthisis
30	Daniel H. Patterson,	83	5	26	Old Age
July					
6	Hannah E. Barry,	35	2	4	Consumption
9	Nellie Lyons,		8	14	Cholera Infantum

DATE, 1889.	NAME.	AGE,			DISEASE.
		Y	M	D	
July					
10	—— Halpin,				Stillborn
10	Honora Halpin (McInery)	39			Childbirth
21	Ruth Buck Reynolds,	1	3	11	Consumption
25	Royal T. Abbott,	3	7	19	Laryngitis
31	Elizabeth A. Johnston,	9	4		Intest. Obstruct. Convul.
31	Carrie Morse,	22	1	28	Phthisis
Aug.					
4	Maria P. Tileston (Briggs)	76	3	28	Enteritis
5	Mary E. Rooney,	12	2	12	Hydrophobia
6	Polly Johnson (Belcher)	87	7	11	Old Age
14	Bernard McMahon,	67			Embolism
20	Alice F. Reynolds (Buck)	23	3	10	Consumption
22	William Mulligan,	24			Acute Mania
26	Sarah W. Lewis, (Childs, Wales)	85	8	9	Pneumonia
27	Thomas S. Curran, (Twin)		3	17	Cholera Infantum
Sept.					
2	Benjamin F. Jones,	52	4	12	Atheroma of Heart
5	Marguerite May Ansell,	1	1	16	Gastritis
9	Mary Hill (McCarty)	82	11	28	Old Age
11	Horatio L. Thayer,	62	11		Chr. Interstitial Hepatitis
13	Amelia Stetson, (Howard, French)	69	3	26	Consumption
21	Rosanna Murphy (McMahon)	55	1		Sarcoma of Uterus
25	—— Scott,				Stillborn
25	William Hand,	1		26	Tuberculo Meningitis
Oct.					
7	William Shields,	70			Acute Cystitis
9	Margaret Hogan,	70	9	3	Cancer
15	John Cahill,—V. Soldier,	69	11	16	Congestion of Lungs
20	Lucinda Hollis (Smith)	86	3	12	Apoplexy
22	Thomas McCrea,	88	4	12	Old Age
22	Charles F. Kennedy,	39	8	25	Renal Disease
26	Mary Lang (Kiley)	32		10	Consumption
31	Maurice Colbert,	39			Congestion of Lungs
Nov.					
3	Bertha May Ainslee,	5	3	18	Phthisis
4	James D. Fox,—V. Soldier,	46	5	16	Consumption
8	Mary Shields Sullivan,	68			Old Age, Pneumonia
9	A. Orville Howard,	68	9	19	Heart Disease
13	—— Smith,			1	Infantile
20	Nora E. Shay,	27	3		Failure of Heart
29	Bernard W. Brady,		1	6	Stomatitis
Dec.					
13	Joseph Wales French,	60	4	16	Phthisis
26	James Burke,	84			Heart Disease

Disease, or Cause of Death.

Typhoid Fever, Marasmus, Tuberculosis, Hemorrhage, Unknown, Killed on Railroad, Diphtheria, Epilepsy, Jaundice, Ruptura Uteri, Cyanosis, Pleurisy, Bronchial Catarrh, Bright's Disease, Marasmus, Premature Birth, Childbirth, Laryngitis, Intestinal Obstruction, Enteritis, Hydrophobia, Embolism, Acute Mania, Gastritis, Atheroma of Heart, Chronic Intestinal Hepatitis, Sarcoma of Uterus,

Tuberculo Meningitis, Acute Cystitis, Cancer, Renal Disease, Infantile, Heart Failure, Stomatitis,—1 each.

Pulmonary Phthisis, Asthenia, Pluro Pneumonia, Cholera Infantum,—2 each.

Apoplexy, Congestion of Lungs, Stillborn,—3 each.

Heart Disease,—4.

Pneumonia,—5.

Phthisis,—5.

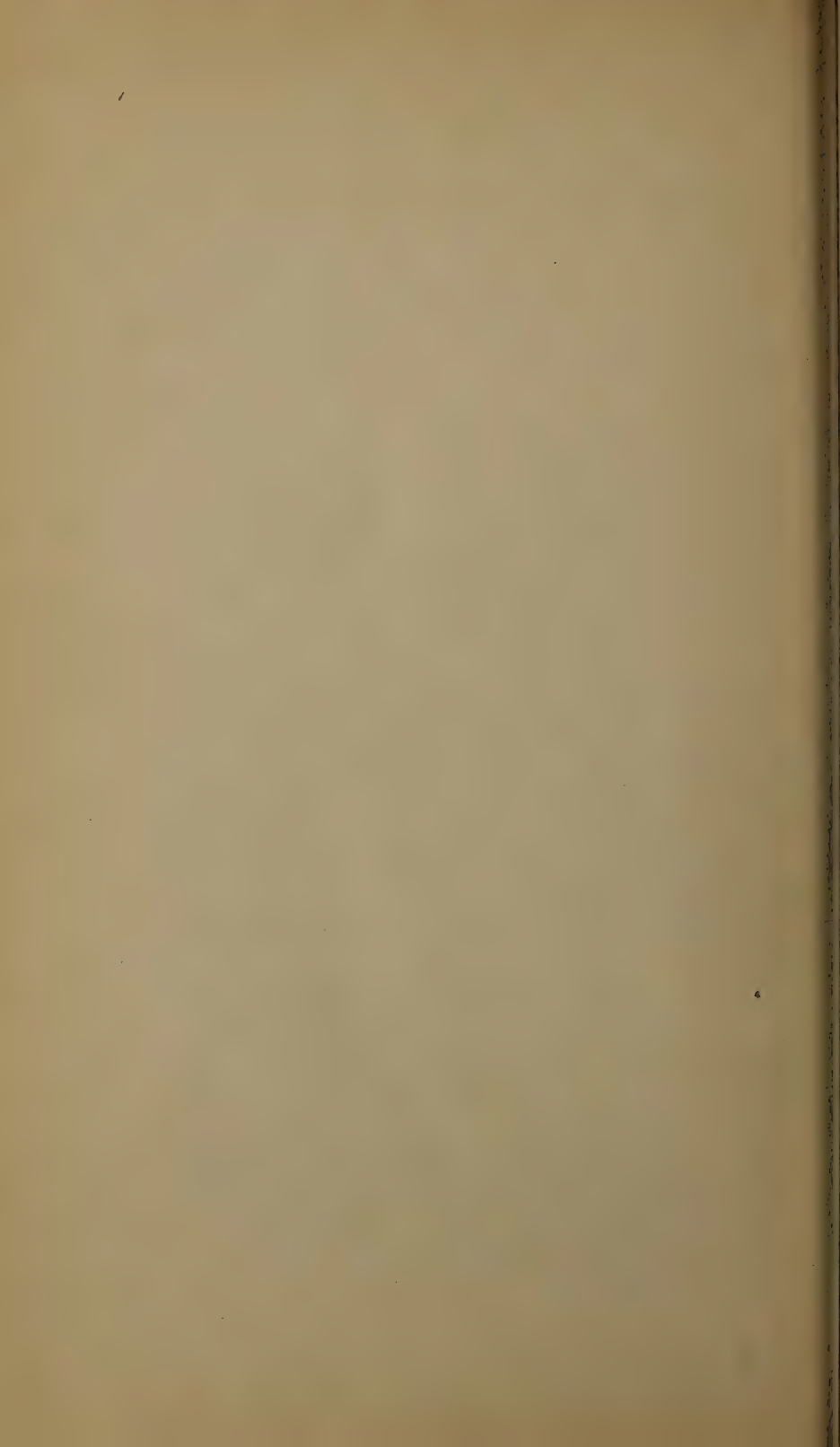
Consumption,—9.

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Under 5 years of age,	18
Between 5 and 10,	3
“ 10 and 20,	2
“ 20 and 30,	10
“ 30 and 40,	11
“ 40 and 50,	5
“ 50 and 60,	5
“ 60 and 70,	12
“ 70 and 80,	8
“ 80 and 90,	11
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Any person noticing any error in the publication of the names of those born, married, and died, will please report to the town clerk, and have the same corrected.

HIRAM C. ALDEN, TOWN CLERK.



TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

To either of the constables of the Town of Randolph in said County,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at Stetson Hall, in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of April next, at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also one trustee for Stetson School Fund for three years, and one water commissioner for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, Shall licence be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to purchasing a stone crusher, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray the general town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations therefor.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to engines and pay of engine-men, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take in relation to establishing an electric fire alarm system, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers graves under the direction of Capt. Horace Niles Post No. 110, G. A. R.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the payment of interest on the Randolph Water Loan.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise and contribute to the sinking fund, as required by law to meet the payment of the Randolph Water Loan when due.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for water for hydrants, street service, public buildings and drinking fountains.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to repairs on Stetson Hall building as recommended by the trustees, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of town officers, and raise and appropriate money therefor, as petitioned for by A. L. Chase.

ART. 17. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on Cross Street from West Street to Grove Street, as petitioned for by Thomas Reilly and others, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 18. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on the northerly side of Union Street, from the residence of John Haney to the Holbrook line as petitioned for by Jackson Belcher and others, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 19. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to cause the removal of the building owned by Ebenezer Moulton on Moulton Street, outside the limits of the street, as petitioned for by Thomas Dolan and others, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in relation to the order of the County Commissioners directing certain alterations to be made on Liberty and North Streets, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept the location of Lafayette Street as laid out by the selectmen, as petitioned for by Seth Whittier and others, and raise and appropriate money to build the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be the agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year, except so far as the same relates in any manner to the water supply.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the water commissioners to be the agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise, and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way interested, as a party or otherwise, so far as the same relates in any manner to the taking of the waters of the Great Pond, or in the construction of the water works, either jointly or separately, as authorized under Chapter 217 of the Acts, 1885, and to employ counsel if necessary.

ART. 25. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors, as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 26. To see what action the town will take in relation to providing electric lights for the public streets, and otherwise, and make appropriations therefor.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for special improvements, when the Business and Improvement Society expend an equal amount.

ART. 28. To see what action the town will take in relation to making an appropriation for the Turner Free Library as recommended by the trustees.

ART. 29. To see what action the town will take in relation to the pay of laborers employed by the town.

ART. 30. To see what action the town will take in relation to selling the hearse, owned by the town, also in relation to funeral expenses.

ART. 31. To see what action the town will take in relation to sprinkling streets.

ART. 32. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 33. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, on all taxes unpaid, on and after October tenth, A. D. 1890.

ART. 34. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 35. To see what action the town will take in relation to medical attendance on the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 36. To see what action the town will take relative to purchasing that portion of the estate of the late Matthew Clark, that adjoins the town land, upon which Stetson Hall is located.

ART. 37. To hear and act on the report of any committee, and choose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk, on or before the time and hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Randolph this twenty fourth day of March, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

PETER B. HAND,
JOHN B. THAYER,
MICHAEL J. DALY,

Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN P. ROONEY,
Constable of Randolph.

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